

Race 1 News

One year in, Off And Pacing is rolling along

By Derick Givner

What do you do every day? Sleep? Eat? Drink? For 2,600 harness racing enthusiasts, their daily routine also includes spending time using the Off And Pacing app for iPhone and Android which reached one year in existence just last week.

Launched on January 18, 2017 as a beta application, Off And Pacing started with a handful of people according to creator Ryan Clements but quickly grew to over 1,000 testers in just the first month. Since the official launch in late April/early May 2017 (depending on the platform), Off And Pacing has seen its user base grow to 3,500 to 4,500 people who use the app every few days and over 7,500 who have opened the game at least once in the previous 45 days.

"For the first time we are seeing lots of casual players," said Clements. "We have also seen players who won't enter for an entire season (26 days) due to work or vacation plans. The beauty of this game is they can go away

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SHEZ A SWIFT
Left 3wide, parked long eighth plus, yielded, tracked to lane, cleared, urged, fair close. Post relief noted. Gimmick must.

CHILMA
3rd out behind winner near half, solid lead up trip, driven to narrow gap. Also moves inside. Adds Mooney.

ROCKIN REPEAT
1st over near half, stalled suddenly last turn, faded out. Nick's choice. Not the worst stab.

SPEAK ENGLISH
Away to brief lead, shuffled to lane, cleared, some drive, only fair. Undercard seems best case scenario.

BE MY LUCKY LADY
Led into turn, backed up to last turning for home, squeezed thru traffic, fastest of all. Steve's choice. Now the price will drop.

HI FIDELITY
4th over near half, good lead up trip, driven, only fair. Minor post relief. Has had some excuses.

CORDEES FANTASY
Moved on long train 5th over, wide midfar turn, wider into lane, faded out from the chase. Outside again but still worthy of solid look.

NIGHTTRAIN TO VEGAS
Left, parked turn to top, took middle half breather, sped home, faded once passed. Missed a week. Drops. Richard hops aboard.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

1st Race Computer Analysis

| | |
|---|--|
| Highest Win % | N/A |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | CHILMA |
| Fastest time last race | SHEZ A SWIFT BE MY LUCKY LADY |
| Fastest win time this year | |
| Fastest win time last year | ROCKIN REPEAT |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | BE MY LUCKY LADY |
| Closed Strongly last race | SHEZ A SWIFT BE MY LUCKY LADY |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | HI FIDELITY CORDEES FANTASY |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | N/A |
| Favorable post position change from last race | CHILMA |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | SHEZ A SWIFT SPEAK ENGLISH CORDEES FANTASY |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | SHEZ A SWIFT BE MY LUCKY LADY |

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 |

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and return with their stable intact.

"I think 20,000 active users is achievable once we make sure the game plays well to all demographics. There are a ton of untapped markets in general, in addition to a lot of geography and user base we haven't reached."

In many ways Off And Pacing has come a long way since its initial launch, but Clements admits that the process of building out the game hasn't been quite as smooth as he expected.

"In many ways it has exceeded my expectations, but we've hit a lot of roadblocks," said Clements. "We have a long way to go until I'll consider it done. There is so much I still have planned.

"We hit a hurdle when it came to race simulations. I thought the driver AI (artificial intelligence) would've progressed further by now. What happens is we move forward and find another hole. We take two steps forward and then two steps backwards."

There is no doubt that the driver AI is worlds better than when the app was initially launched and each

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

WHO DAT LOVE

Rode cones whole trip, inside last turn traffic, urged thru the stretch. Drops. Better post. Certainly should be included.

BEST DREAM SEEKER

Out past quarter, rim balance, cover half, failed to keep up late stages. Another that gets post relief. Undercard thoughts.

COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Burst out near half, stormed into lead far turn, some urging, no doubt. In for \$3700 base price tonight. Major player.

REGINA BEACH

Asked to keep up near halt, tipped out on rim, didn't advance, called it off. Drops from nickel claimer. Luke returns.

GOOD CITATIONS

Hopped on cover train, half, followed 3wide into str, driven to save show slot. Post relief. One more consideration.

A BAY BAY

Took cover near half, good lead up trip, urged, fair try. Outside again but only a sixpack. What's his plan?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

2nd Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | REGINA BEACH |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | REGINA BEACH |
| Fastest time last race | WHO DAT LOVE |
| Fastest win time this year | REGINA BEACH |
| Fastest win time last year | BEST DREAM SEEKER A BAY BAY |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS GOOD CITATIONS |
| Closed Strongly last race | N/A |
| 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 | WHO DAT LOVE BEST DREAM SEEKER |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | BEST DREAM SEEKER |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | BEST DREAM SEEKER REGINA BEACH |

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update seems to address a few of the issues. Clements felt they took a huge step in the right direction with a new generation of driver intelligence released in December and made even more progress with a mid-January introduction of new drivers, but the list of improvements that can be made remains a "mile long" according to the Canadian resident.

One of the most difficult challenges for Clements and his team of seven programmers has been keeping the server that runs the game running smoothly.

"People don't see the amount of work that goes in behind the scenes to keep the server going," said Clements. "For example, the USTA has to track 100 races or so a day and keep data on all of them but at Off And Pacing we have 6,000 races a day and close to 1,000,000 horses to record stats for. As the amount of data increases it becomes more and more difficult to pull all of the individual stats for all aspects of the game."

One of the unexpected challenges for Clements has been coping with complaints from users, varying from occasional slowdowns in game play or

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

RAGINS FLIGHT

Away well, regained control, won on own. Nearly 2 months on the shelf. Readiness?

CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK

2nd over far turn, not a good flow, darted to rail entering str, urged, flew. Favorable draw. Facing some hard hitter's.

EASTENDER

Left 3wide, parked past quarter, braked, yielded past half, tracked, faded in lane. Extra week off. Post relief noted. Another player.

JAZZMANIAN DEVIL

Out from half, ended up behind stalled flow far turn, tracked rival 3wide, driven, only fair. Late speed specialist should benefit from small field size.

ALMOST CUT MY HAIR

Came from back 5th over far turn, bad flow, back to rail, cleared, urged, closed well. Solid form. Looks like one of many.

IM AN ATHLETE

Left to mid turn tuck, tracked to lane, cleared, urged, up. Also should benefit from the smaller field size. Will be motoring fast late.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

3rd Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Fastest time last race | I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Fastest win time this year | I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Fastest win time last year | I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK |
| Closed Strongly last race | CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK ALMOST CUT MY HAIR I'M AN ATHLETE |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | RAGIN'S FLIGHT EASTENDER |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | N/A |
| Favorable post position change from last race | N/A |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | EASTENDER JAZZMANIAN DEVIL ALMOST CUT MY HAIR |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | I'M AN ATHLETE |

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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alleged cheating by other players.

"I never expected so many haters at both ends of the spectrum. It really wears you down and comes at you from every medium you can think of," said Clements, who was still able to put a positive spin on the negative experience.

"As soon as you create something that people are passionate about you are bound to experience strong opinions."

Clements also addressed the naysayers who think that the post position draws in the game or any aspects are anything but randomly decided by the algorithms of the program.

"There is no reason for us to cheat anyone. I'm not assigning 6,000 races a day by hand," said Clements. "In real life you only enter a few horses a week but in the game some people are entering hundreds a day.

It's like online poker versus playing live in a casino. Because you are dealt so many more hands per hour online the patterns can seem odd and you think it has to be rigged."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CENALTA ECLIPSE

Stuck at back to lane, had traffic midlane, clear bit late, fair. Enough post relief too take a small shot.

KING OF THE SWAMP

Took out past half, gapped flow far turn, tired. Extra week off. Better post. Luke returns.

REAL BUZZ

Sent hard, blazed the clip to lane, stalled deep in the drive. Down the road again?

VOW TO WIN

Parked half turn, stalked speedy leader to lane, faded out late stages. Post relief for this one as well.

MATTADOR D

Back after more missed time. Segues from claimer. Not totally impossible down here.

ARMY OF ONE

Pushed turn one, popped back out midfar turn, got by the fav, swallowed up near wire. Drops again. Figures plenty tough versus these.

BARBOSA

Rode cones the whole trip, cleared in the lane, some drive, just fair. Another dropper to include in your exotic wagers.



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4th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | VOW TO WIN |
| Fastest time last race | ARMY OF ONE |
| Fastest win time this year | |
| Fastest win time last year | MATTADOR D |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | ARMY OF ONE BARBOSA |
| Closed Strongly last race | CENALTA ECLIPSE |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | N/A |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | REAL BUZZ (B) |
| Favorable post position change from last race | CENALTA ECLIPSE KING OF THE SWAMP |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | CENALTA ECLIPSE |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | CENALTA ECLIPSE |

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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As Off And Pacing embarks on its second year, Clements is very excited about the future.

"I'm thrilled where it is headed, possibly more excited now than during the beta stages," said Clements. "Pretty much every aspect of the game has gotten better and all of our resources have gone into making it better. I think the year-two progress will be very noticeable."

For those diehard players and newbies alike, there are plenty of changes on the way for the app. The team is working on updating the in-game graphics and will hopefully release some minor look-and-feel changes in the next update on or about January 31. Tracks will have pylons, in some cases a grandstand and overall facelifts.

That same revision is expected to include a new section Clements called "My Office" which will be a one-stop page where users can find their trophies, stats, claims and something new, achievement badges.

These badges will be a sort of guide for new players to help them accomplish certain goals. Eventually users will also have a stakes manage-

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE
Out past quarter, brief cover, kept grinding on rim, some drive, no rally. Better post. Adds fresh Mooney. User.
LUCKY SEVEN OF LODI
Led from gate, yielded, stalked to last bend, lugged out, some urging, best of the others. Maybe an undercard slice.
GOT TONE
Away well, rail rode the trip, some drive, just fair. Probably a longshot again.
FEELING FANCY FREE
Rode cones most the trip, failed to keep up late stages. Tough to recommend here.
LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT
Out well before half, surged on to top, kept marching, held okay, nipped for 2nd. James choice. Been tossing hints. Thought.
I WILL SCORE
Parked eighth plus, yielded near half, tracked balance, driven, best of the rest. Mild post relief. Another price shot.
HOT TIP
Rode rail whole trip, stalled badly late. Extra time off. Let's watch one.
PAY DIRT
Tucked early, took out midfar turn, mild urging, solid rally, nice bow. Nick's choice. Major player at a low price.
PRIDEOFTHE SIERRAS
Out around gapper past half, tipped out late last bend, solid late interest. Also moves outside but seems main danger to #8.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

5th Race Computer Analysis

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

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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ment section where they can pre-enter big races or plan out their schedules.

Future updates are expected to introduce more sound into the game, like background noise (hoof beats and crowd) and eventually a race call. A winner's circle view at the end of every race is in the near future and the team is trying to work through some technical challenges on better animation for drivers.

One of the biggest knocks on the game is that horses tend to quickly lose their ability during the middle of their 6-year-old seasons. Clements pointed out that was done by design to keep a horse's career wins total within the reality of real-life racing.

"One hundred wins is a great milestone in real life and we thought it should be similar in the game," said Clements, who added that any adjustments to how horses' age would require additional changes. "It would have to be grouped with horses racing less often. A 2-year-old in real life races about 8 to 10 times a year while in the game it is closer to 50 starts."

Each year Off And Pacing seems to turn out one superstar caliber horse. In season

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BEACON OF HOPE

Parked eighth, pushed before yielding, popped out 3/4s, tough to wire. Nick's choice over 2 others. Major contender.

JUMP THE SHARK

Sent to keep hole close turn one, stalked speed to str, urged, held well. 1 of 3 here dropping from open. Must include.

HIHOS LITTLE REV

Took easy run along cones, cleared in str, driven, no rally. Another dropper. Should be closing. Small shot.

JUSTABITCRAZY

Led early, yielded, 3hole trip behind winner to lane, urged to save place. Facing tougher assignment now.

DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS

Looped leaving, parked full 2nd over, angled wide into lane, failed to sustain the bid. Drops. Adds Steve. Can't rule him out.

BETTORS PROMISE

Left well, yielded to q-mover, tracked to lane, cleared, away easily. Sharp, steps up. What's his plan? Leave or duck?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

6th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | BETTORS PROMISE |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | BETTORS PROMISE |
| Fastest time last race | JUMP THE SHARK HI HO'S LITTLE REV |
| Fastest win time this year | JUMP THE SHARK |
| Fastest win time last year | DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | BETTORS PROMISE |
| Closed Strongly last race | BETTORS PROMISE |
| 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 | DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS |
| 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

14 it was Yannick Gingras' YG Jewel, and while she continues to dominate with 84 wins in 91 career starts, season 15 has brought us Dank Sphinx, a 2-year-old filly who has yet to taste defeat in 16 starts for Dank Racing (Jay Hochstetler). Of course everyone wants to have the best horse in the game but the odds are certainly stacked against it happening.

"It comes down to the coincidence of the way the bell curve works. It's the reason there weren't two Somebeachsomewhere's," said Clements, who estimates the chances of getting the best horse in any given season at about 1 in 95,000.

"The key is, how do we market those top horses? We have to give people a better opportunity to see them race and become fans of those horses. These horses are more than just pixels on the screen" said Clements. "We very much had our heads down in the first year working on programming and we missed a big opportunity to make a splash. We developed some track partnership that we'd like to take further. We'd like to work with some tracks to show our races on their toteboards. We've had a few preliminary discussions with

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MISS BANJOLINA
2nd over into far turn, mild traffic entering lane, angled wide, urged, just fair. Drops, inside. Price shot.

CENALTA COUGAR
Rode cones, inside last turn traffic, cleared, driven, only fair. She finally gets an inside post.

DIRECTING TRAFFIC
Third over from half, burst 3wide into str, caught by one she led up, much best of the rest. Chip returns. Good form. Player.

PERFECT PITCH
Grabbed cover well before half, solid lead up, angled wide, urged to get popular score. Mooney's choice. These are tougher though.

SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Sped to top, back out nearing far turn, advanced in quick panel, flattened into str. Couple weeks off. Does get some class relief.

YESWELLNOMAYBE
Parked eighth plus, yielded to pair of retakers, stalked balance, urged, safely 3rd. Week off for her. Might fire out.

IF YOU SAY SO
Rode rail whole trip, steadied into str, cleared, driven, fair. Another drop. Can't rule her out either.

WINDSUN T BIRD
1st over near half, rim balance, failed to sustain the bid. One more dropper. Outside. Form just so-so at the moment.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

7th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | PERFECT PITCH |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | YESWELLNOMAYBE |
| Fastest time last race | IF YOU SAY SO |
| Fastest win time this year | PERFECT PITCH |
| Fastest win time last year | MISS BANJOLINA |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | DIRECTING TRAFFIC |
| Closed Strongly last race | PERFECT PITCH |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | N/A |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | DIRECTING TRAFFIC (B) PERFECT PITCH (W) SURPRISINGLY SWEET (B) |
| Favorable post position change from last race | CENALTA COUGAR |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | DIRECTING TRAFFIC IF YOU SAY SO |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | PERFECT PITCH |

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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smaller tracks that seem to be wide-open to the idea.”

To use another poker term, Clements is certainly all-in on Off And Pacing. He views it as an avenue to not only entertain but market the sport in general. If the initial year of improvements is any indication, 2018 could be a banner year.

Donovan is sweet on pacing filly Youaremycandygirl

by Ken Weingartner

Bill Donovan has participated in harness racing at multiple levels, from working as a groom to owning a breeding farm, but he is perhaps best known because of his involvement in the sport as a horse owner. And Dan Patch Award winner Youaremycandygirl has become the most recent to provide Donovan with the sweet taste of success.

Youaremycandygirl was voted the sport's best 2-year-old female pacer in 2017 after winning nine of 11 races and earning \$895,615. She became the fastest 2-year-old female pacer in history thanks to her 1:50 victory in a division of the International

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

PAS CORN SQUEEZIN

Stuck at back to lane, heavy traffic, never fully clear. Luke's choice. Finally gets a decent post too.

AWHIMAWAY

Left with many, parked past quarter, braked, attacked, tired deep stretch. Richard returns. Also switches inside.

MAGNIQUE

Parked past quarter, braked to lane, attacked, stalled bit once passed. Excuses in last few. Deserves consideration.

MOONSHINEMONKEYS

Left well, back 1st over half, began to stall into str, tired. Needs some racing luck to get a piece of it.

HIGH BET HANOVER

Parked turn, braked, attacked final bend, stalled suddenly once passed. Missed time over the last month. James returns. Readiness?

WINDOW WIPER

Moved from back 5th over past half, angled wide into lane, some drive, best of rest. Mild post relief. Undercard stab?

POORLITTLERICHGIRL

Behind gapper to 3/8s, caught the pack far turn, useful prep. Down here we would use her in all gimmicks.

ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN

sent under urging, yielded quarter, followed to lane, cleared, urged. Stuck outside. Tactical issues.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

8th Race Computer Analysis

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

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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Stallion Stakes at Lexington's Red Mile, a time that tied colt Hayden Hanover for the best of any 2-year-old pacer last season. She will be among the honorees at the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Dan Patch Awards banquet Feb. 25 in Orlando.

"She had a great year," Donovan said. "When I think of all the great fillies over the years, for her to come out of the year with the world record and the earnings that she had, you realize just how blessed you are."

Prior to last year, Donovan's best known horse was the Dan Patch Award-winning trotter Maven, who made \$1.75 million in her career and competed in Europe as well as North America. She retired in 2014.

"Maven will always be special," Donovan said. "Maven racing in the Elitlopp was a highlight for me. It's such a great race and there's such enthusiasm there from the Swedish fans. That was special."

Youaremycandygirl is proving capable of special moments too. Donovan bought the filly, by American Ideal out of Sweet Lady Jane, as a yearling for \$150,000 at the 2016

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MY HEARTS CONQUEST
2nd over past half, checked behind bad flow, came wide, rallied fastest too late. William chose. Rail again.

HES A NAVAJO
Out past half, bad flow far turn, no chance. Post relief. A gimmick must.

MUCHO MACHO MAN
Sped from gate, back out near quarter, sped up far turn, broke into the lane, pace? Tough call.

WEST FOR GOLD
Left quickly, released to retaker, inhered lead into str when rival broke, caught late. Adds James. Another user.

HF CARD
Broke nearing start, came back to get excess cover far turn, flattened. Wouldn't rule him out either.

HARRY FREDRICK
Left to 3hole drop, benefited far turn, urged, many across late. Adds fresh Lasix. Also adds Ryan.

STORMING D ODDS
Rode cones in Expo bow, some urging, little bumpy gaited. Mooney's choice. Tighter now?

FORGIVEUSOURZINS
Off gate 2, at back the whole trip, ended up 5th over, failed to get involved. He won this class 3 weeks back.

REAL ROKNROL
Left 4wide to mid turn tuck, tracked to 3/4s, swung wide, broke. Outside again. Week off. Not sure what to think.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | HF CARD |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | HF CARD |
| Fastest time last race | MY HEARTS CONQUEST WEST FOR GOLD |
| Fastest win time this year | HF CARD |
| Fastest win time last year | MUCHO MACHO MAN |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | FORGIVEUSOURZINS |
| Closed Strongly last race | MY HEARTS CONQUEST |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | STORMING D ODDS |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | WEST FOR GOLD (B) STORMING D ODDS (B) |
| Favorable post position change from last race | N/A |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | MY HEARTS CONQUEST HES A NAVAJO MUCHO MACHO MAN STORMING D ODDS |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | MY HEARTS CONQUEST HF CARD STORMING D ODDS |

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 10 News

Standardbred Horse Sale. Her dam is a half-sister to standouts Sweet Lou and Bettor Sweet.

"I went to Harrisburg intent on purchasing a top pacing filly," Donovan said. "I had two that I was adamant I was going to buy one or the other.

The first was Kissin In The Sand, and I was the underbidder on her. Candygirl sold the following day and I was going to take Candygirl home with me no matter what.

"She had everything going for her. I love the family. I was happy to get her because I think that's one of the hottest maternal families in the sport right now."

Youaremycandygirl's career got off to a rough start when she made an interference break in a division of the New York Sire Stakes at Vernon Downs. From there, though, she was nearly perfect as she captured the She's A Great Lady Stakes, Breeders Crown, Matron, and Three Diamonds in addition to her division of the International Stallion.

She finished the season on a seven-race win streak. Yannick Gingras drove her in six of those starts, with Louis

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SOUL DIVA
Left 4wide, parked quarter, yielded, followed to lane, stalled. Inside. Mooney returns.

FOX VALLEY RUBY
Left 3wide, parked turn, yielded to winner past half, chased, urged, held fair. Usable in gimmicks.

DUET
Back after month off. Luke's choice.

MOON IS ON FIRE
2nd over half, good lead up trip, swung wide, urged. Enough post relief to include in exotics.

LITTLE EMMA
Moved on long train, poor cover far turn, tried wide bid, flattened late. Drops in price tonight.

ALWAYSALITTLEMORE
Led from gate, yielded, squeezed out late last bend, driven to narrow gap. Giving signals. Also usable.

LOVERS HOLIDAY
Rode cones, shuffled last top of lane, angled, urged, flew too late. In for 3 base price. Too bad she drew outside. Still plays.

AWESUM WORLD
No hurry early, tried to follow winner near half, parked balance, some late traffic. Adds Rene.

NUTMEGS DESIRE
Led into turn, yielded, soft trip to str, driven, only fair. Steve returns. Tough post assignment.

HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Took out to be 3rd over, gapped flow far turn, tired. Also in for 3 here. Another killer post though.



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10th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | MOON IS ON FIRE LITTLE EMMA HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | MOON IS ON FIRE |
| Fastest time last race | DUET |
| Fastest win time this year | HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN |
| Fastest win time last year | SOUL DIVA FOX VALLEY RUBY |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | LOVERS HOLIDAY |
| Closed Strongly last race | ALWAYSALITTLEMORE LOVERS HOLIDAY |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | FOX VALLEY RUBY |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | N/A |
| Favorable post position change from last race | HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | SOUL DIVA FOX VALLEY RUBY LITTLE EMMA LOVERS HOLIDAY |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | FOX VALLEY RUBY LOVERS HOLIDAY HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN |

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

| 10 Cent Wagers | Your Cost | | |
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| 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 |
| 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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Race 11 News

Philippe-Roy at the lines in the She's A Great Lady.

"Her first start up at Vernon she got run into," Donovan said. "That's the way the sport is; you never know. She really only had one bad race, and that's when she tied up at Yonkers (and finished fifth). She wasn't at her best. But outside of those two races she was just outstanding.

"She really had a great year, there's no doubt about it. (Trainer Ron Burke) and his team did a great job in bringing her along. She can be a little headstrong. Yannick is the perfect driver for her. He gets along with horses like that better, I think, than some other drivers. He can rate her when he needs to, as much as he can.

"It was good the season ended when it did because she raced hard. She enjoyed the time off. She needs to mature a little mentally over the winter, hopefully. We're looking forward to next season."

Donovan was born and raised in Boston and developed his interest in harness racing by going to the races at the now defunct Foxboro Raceway. He worked as a groom during

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

FIRE ON THE WATER

Left on float, parked half turn, snuck back out near 3/4s, mild traffic, some urging. Switch to an inside post helps.

SECRET CHORD

Rode cones every step, some stretch urging, fair off no use. So-so form. Longshot.

GET DOWN TONIGHT

Gapped in return, failed to rally. Probably gonna need one.

GENUINE DESIRE

Out from half, cover behind top pair entering last turn, swung wide, rallied okay. Not a bad spot for her. Use.

LAISSEZMOIPICOLER

Rode cones to lane, cleared, urged, fair. Minor class relief. Slice of it maybe?

ULYSSES BLUE CHIP

Left well, pocket into turn, gapped in fast 3rd panel, closed okay once in the straightaway. Drops into a pretty good spot tonight.

CHIEF SARATOGA

Sent hard from gate, blazed the clip to lane, attacked mid-str, stalled suddenly. Extra week off. Adds Richard.



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11th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | ULYSSES BLUE CHIP |
| Fastest time last race | GENUINE DESIRE ULYSSES BLUE CHIP |
| Fastest win time this year | |
| Fastest win time last year | FIRE ON THE WATER |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | LAISSEZMOIPICOLER |
| Closed Strongly last race | N/A |
| Big improvement last race | N/A |
| Consistent early speed | N/A |
| Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning | CHIEF SARATOGA (B) |
| Favorable post position change from last race | N/A |
| Blocked or in trouble last race | FIRE ON THE WATER |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | FIRE ON THE WATER ULYSSES BLUE CHIP |

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 12 News

summers while in high school and college and was preparing to become a trainer before his father passed away and left Donovan needing to help with the family's Mayflower moving agency.

He eventually took over the company and also started a number of businesses involving trucking and logistics management. He has since sold all of the businesses except one logistics company.

He also sold his breeding farm, which he started in 2010.

"I got out of the breeding business several years ago," Donovan said, adding with a laugh, "I found out I was a lot better bidder than I was a breeder."

Donovan currently owns 37 horses, with 21 being 2-year-olds.

"When you put your heart and soul, and pocketbook, into the business, you hope for success," Donovan said. "When you do achieve it, it's most satisfying. Just having horses that are able to compete at the top level is rewarding."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LISTENTOHERHEART

Led to mid turn, brushed back quarter, others failed to keep up. How ready can she be?

NAT A KATT

Settled to half, tipped out on rim, stayed there the balance, held fair. Trips for part of it?

LILMESSINAROUND

3rd over from half, tried wide bit into lane, stalled last eighth. Mild post relief. Undercard thoughts.

LILBITOFMAMA

Broke past half, lost contact. Mooney returns. More undercard material.

HERECOMESTHETHUNDR

Stuck last to str, moved inside foes, driven, fair. Better post. Adds Luke. Can awaken.

JOHNNY BE ON TIME

Led early, pocket behind winner mid turn, stalked to str, driven, 2nd best. Nick's choice. Fair form. Another thought.

BRING THE GUNS

Considered leaving, took back, out past half, didn't gain much. Outside again. Adds Steve. What's his plan?

GET DECKED

Parked turn to tuck behind top pair, tracked balance, in traffic last sixteenth. Another bad post. But has enough speed to fire out. Use.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

12th Race Computer Analysis

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| Highest Win % | LILBITOFMAMA |
| Highest Average Earnings Per Start | GET DECKED |
| Fastest time last race | JOHNNY BE ON TIME |
| Fastest win time this year | LILBITOFMAMA |
| Fastest win time last year | GET DECKED |
| Fastest last '1/4' last race | GET DECKED |
| Closed Strongly last race | N/A |
| 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 | NAT-A-KATT LILMESSINAROUND GET DECKED |
| Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal | GET DECKED |

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