

# Race 1 News

## Dr Fager 1968 Part 5 Farewell, Doc

by Steve Haskin

continued from

Friday Program

Boland came back and was in awe of Dr. Fager, who he had ridden in the previous year's Woodward Stakes fiasco. "I don't know if he was all out at the finish, but when he was close enough for me to judge, Baeza had him under a tight hold," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

Even Nerud couldn't believe it, knowing how much slower the track was. "I can't imagine how fast he would have run if they had pulled some of that cushion off and got the track back to where it was," he said. "He would have smoked a little, wouldn't he?"

New York Post racing writer William Rudy, cov-

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

### SWEET ONE

Parked long eighth plus, yielded, cleared midlane, driven, best of the rest. Finally inside. Luke's choice. Gimmick must.

### LIL MISS KNUCKLES

Rode the rail whole trip, not asked, solid tuner. William hops aboard. Nice drop. Readiness?

### MAGNIFIQUE

Gapped on backside, lost contact late stages. Not in form. Extra week off.

### HI FIDELITY

Rode cones, backed up bit in traffic, but just fair once free. Adds Rene. Class relief noted.

### LA MADAWNA DE ROSA

Out near half, cover into far turn, good lead up, stalled bit deep str. Ryan returns. Another dropper in the mix. Use.

### LA DIVA DE ROSA

Saved ground to lane, cleared, angled, urged, solid close. Tries James. Undercard stab?

### PLACE AT THE BEACH

Tipped out into last bend, uncovered to lane, driven, just fair. Steve's choice over 3 others. Figures plenty tough.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 1st Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	MAGNIFIQUE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	PLACE AT THE BEACH
Fastest time last race	PLACE AT THE BEACH
Fastest win time this year	SWEET ONE
Fastest win time last year	MAGNIFIQUE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LIL MISS KNUCKLES LA DIVA DE ROSA
Closed Strongly last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA
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	HI FIDELITY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MAGNIFIQUE LA DIVA DE ROSA PLACE AT THE BEACH

## 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

ering the race for the Thoroughbred Record, opened his story by saying, "Dr. Fager said good-bye with one of the great performances in New York racing history."

Unfortunately, there is no film of the Vosburgh and no one at NYRA had any idea what happened to it, whether it was destroyed or lost or stolen. So, one of the greatest ever performances and exhibitions of pure speed exists only in the memory of those who witnessed it.

That ended an amazing career and a 4-year-old campaign unlike anything seen before or since, resulting in an unprecedented four championships (Horse of the Year, Handicap horse, Sprinter, and Grass Horse), a feat that has never been duplicated.

It took a rabbit, the stewards, and an admitted bad ride by Bill Shoemaker at 2 to beat him. Only three horses ever finished ahead of Dr.

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## WALKER MEISTER

Parked eighth plus, yielded quarter, back out behind winner far turn, angled 3-4wide, stalled. Scratched since. Still dangerous.

## COZ AND EFFECT

Out near half, cover to 3/4s, kicked wide, urged, edged for show slot. Undercard price thought.

## FIRE ON THE WATER

Led into turn, yielded to fave, stalked balance, urged to save 3rd. Steve's choice. Gimmick player.

## FF BIGSHOW

Parked past quarter, braked to far turn, sped home, nailed wire. Second start for Willie. Post relief too.

## MINT TO CRUISE

Far back early, gapped to lane, angled, rallied fast. Rejoins Luke after the claim back.

## COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

1st out near half, surged on by the leader, held tough to end. Debuts for Nathalie. Mooney hops aboard.

## JUSTABITCRAZY

Left to tuck, back out from half, battled to deep stretch, finally stalled. Couple weeks off. Stuck outside too.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	WALKER MEISTER
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest time last race	COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS
Fastest win time this year	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest win time last year	FF BIGSHOW
Fastest last '1/4' last race	COZ AND EFFECT MINT TO CRUISE
Closed Strongly last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	FIRE ON THE WATER
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	FF BIGSHOW (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	COZ AND EFFECT
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	WALKER MEISTER

## March 2018

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# Race 3 News

Fager. Two of them are in the Hall of Fame and the other was a champion.

On November 14, 1968, the great Dr. Fager prepared to leave the race-track for good. It looked like any other autumn morning on the Belmont Park backstretch. The stinging winds blowing in off Jamaica Bay made trainers and barn workers thankful the annual mass exodus of man and beast to Florida was only weeks away.

But this was not like any morning. Across the road from the track kitchen, the familiar glow that had emanated from Barn 41 for the past three years was rapidly dimming. In a few moments it would be gone forever. Maybe that's what made this morning seem a little bit colder than usual.

Outside the barn, Tartan Farm's green and white private van awaited its illustrious passenger. Soon it would roll out the stable gate onto

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## CENALTA DIAMOND

Rushed to catch gate, 1st over half, didn't make much progress on the rim, no rally. Not sure what to think now.

## LISTENTOHERHEART

Led early, yielded, back out on rim last bend, kept marching, urged to narrow gap. Decent form. Can't rule out.

## CHILMA

Away well, yielded, stalked to far turn, out on the rim, driven to save show. Extra week off. Likely undercard material.

## BE MY LUCKY LADY

Parked eighth plus, yielded, tracked winner the balance, urged in lane. Form just fair. But field not too strong. Usable.

## CENALTA CALL GIRL

Quarter moved, released to fave's retake, stalked to lane, surged inside to get it. Also skipped a week. Figures to be tough among this quintet.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 3rd Race Computer Analysis

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

# 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

Hempstead Turnpike, beginning its journey to Tartan Farm in Ocala, Florida, where Dr. Fager would begin his new life as a stallion. As the moment of departure neared, the atmosphere at the barn grew solemn. One by one, barn workers went up to Dr. Fager's stall to say their good-byes. Groom and swing man Freddy (Beetle) Dimitrijevic walked up to the Doc and stroked him on the forehead. "Have a good trip," he said. "I hope to see you again soon."

At 8 o'clock, Dr. Fager was ready for the 30-hour trip back to his place of birth, His groom, Joe (Pack Rat) Findley, had fed the colt a light breakfast of oats and bran and mineral oil an hour earlier. Six jugs of Mountain Valley mineral water from Hot Springs, Arkansas were loaded on the van.

Earlier that morning, Dr. Fager had gone out for his final gallop with exercise rider Henry Skaates

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

ONE AND ONLY  
 Parked half turn, yielded, stalked to lane, urged, up, tough. Steps back up. Certainly can hit the ticket.

SOME PLAYA  
 Rode rail in comebacker, solid tuner. Adds Steve. Could be tighter after the prep.

EASTENDER  
 Out past quarter, covered to far turn, angled, urged to narrow gap. Looks like one of many in competitive open.

IM AN ATHLETE  
 Out past quarter, excess cover to far turn, followed pair 3wide, closed fastest. Benefits most in this smaller field size. Big shot tonight.

BETTORS PROMISE  
 Sent 3wide to top, attacked by winner, held tough to the end. Sharp form. Chip returns. Another to include.

ALLMYXSLIVENTEXAS  
 Left 3wide, parked full, marched hard on rim, surged late to nail stubborn leader. Now he's stuck outside again. Can he hold off #4?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 4th Race Computer Analysis

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

## 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

aboard. Jose Marrero, the colt's regular exercise rider for the past two years, was suffering from a bad back and asked Skaates if he'd like to gallop him that morning.

"He felt as strong as he ever did," said Skaates, who had galloped Dr. Fager on several occasions. He took a firm hold of him, knowing full well you didn't want to move your hands on this horse, especially on his final morning at the track.

At 8:25, John Nerud attached the shank to Dr. Fager's halter and led the big bay out of the barn for the last time. Outside, bundled up in heavy jackets and overcoats, barn workers lined up for final look at the great Dr. Fager. One of them held up a sign that simply read, "Farewell, Doc!"

As the horse emerged from the barn and strode majestically into the chilling November air, a gust of wind blew his long mane on end, giving it a

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## LITTLE EMMA

Out near half, good lead up trip, followed 3wide, finished fair considering. Rail. Adds Rene.

## AWESUM WORLD

Sped from gate, yielded to retaker near quarter, stalked to lane, urged, up wire. Post relief. Obvious use.

## COASTAL TREASURE

Sent hard, brushed back near quarter, attacked into lane, stalled deep in the drive. May have tapered off a bit.

## ALONG CAME JANE

Left well, tracked to mid-stretch, cleared traffic, led, nailed, ouch. Sharp form. Gimmick must.

## DUET

Flew from gate, blazed the clip to lane, urged to hold off pocketeer. Was that a confidence builder?

## NUTMEGS DESIRE

Left to top, yielded quarter, backed up into lane, cleared, urged, fair. Extra week off. Mooney's choice.

## ALWAYSALITTLEMORE

Reserved leaving, 1st over well before half, cover near last bend, tried a wide bid, still fair. Obvious tactical issues.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 5th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	COASTAL TREASURE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	COASTAL TREASURE
Fastest time last race	DUET
Fastest win time this year	DUET
Fastest win time last year	COASTAL TREASURE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LITTLE EMMA ALONG CAME JANE
Closed Strongly last race	LITTLE EMMA AWESUM WORLD ALONG CAME JANE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	COASTAL TREASURE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	COASTAL TREASURE (B) DUET (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	NUTMEGS DESIRE ALWAYSALITTLEMORE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	COASTAL TREASURE

### 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

plume-like effect, as if atop the head of a Spartan warrior. Dr. Fager arched his neck and flared his nostrils just as he had done so many times in battle and as he had done before his final work prior to the Washington Park Handicap. He always seemed to know the importance of the moment.

Once he was on the van, Nerud tossed in a bale of alfalfa. He went over to the Doc, gave him a pat on the nose and said, "See you in Florida, old boy."

Then the van drove off, leaving nothing but memories. Nerud went back in the barn and looked in Stall 4, which had been Dr. Fager's home for nearly three years. "Boys," he said, "this is the emptiest stall I've ever seen."

Freddy Dimitrijevic, whose father was Nerud's assistant, said with a touch of sadness in his

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## LAISSEZMOIPICOLER

3rd over near half, tried wide bid midfar turn, urged, fair. Obviously a major contender from the rail.

## WEST FOR GOLD

Followed winner out near half, good lead up trip, failed to take advantage. Mooney returns.

## REAL ROKNROL

Sat in whole trip, found seam along cones, up on his own. Very dangerous if ready.

## FORGIVEUSOURZINS

Out past half, suffered poor flow, came wide, rallied strongly. Terry returns to the bike.

## MYSTERY DRAGON

Far back, failed to get into it. Enough post relief to make him a midpriced stab.

## HAPPY HEATH

Sped to tuck, popped out past half, attacked to lane, urged, away late. Steps back up. Confidence builder?

## WESTERN DEVIL

Parked past quarter, released to retaker near half, followed, stalled badly late. Outside again. Tough spot.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER FORGIVEUSOURZINS HAPPY HEATH
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	WESTERN DEVIL
Fastest time last race	FORGIVEUSOURZINS
Fastest win time this year	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER
Fastest win time last year	WEST FOR GOLD
Fastest last '1/4' last race	REAL ROKNROL
Closed Strongly last race	REAL ROKNROL
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	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER FORGIVEUSOURZINS
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER FORGIVEUSOURZINS

# 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

voice, even years later, "We all felt like we lost something. The spirit just wasn't the same, and it took quite a while to build it back up."

The following afternoon, as the van neared its destination, it was stopped by Marion County Deputy Sheriff Don Moreland, who welcomed the arrival of Dr. Fager with his own brand of Southern hospitality. Accompanied by a photographer to record the historic moment, Moreland, a husky chap with hair cropped close to his scalp, stepped inside the van. He walked up to a curious Dr. Fager and presented him with a summons. Written on the ticket were two words: "Reckless Speed."

That was Dr. Fager. A force of nature who took the fire that was bred into the Thoroughbred 250 years earlier and ignited it at racetracks all over the country, running with reckless abandon. It is safe to say we will never see his like again.

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## HOT TIP

Led into turn, braked hard to half, attacked by winner last bend, urged, held tough. Rene returns and he gets post relief.

## PAY DIRT

Left well, soft trip to lane, cleared traffic, some urging, fair. Mooney's choice. Not the worst stab.

## PEEKABOO TATTOO

Reserved to half, took out on rim, advanced on pace slowing leader, light urging to get popular win. Looks best on paper.

## GOT TONE

Led briefly, pocket into turn, tipped out midfar turn, didn't keep up when pace hastened. Undercard thoughts.

## CENALTA DRAGSTER

Out past half, gapped cover, failed to keep up round the bend. Adds Willie for this.

## I WILL SCORE

Led briefly, yielded, stalked to lane, light urging, easily best of the rest. Maybe another slice.

## LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Stuck last to far turn, angled out to catch cover, no rally. Has post woes again.

## HERECOMESTHETHUNDR

1st over past half, advanced to the lane, stalled out final furlong. Luke's choice. Fires out?

## CENALTA SNICKERS

Just a bit bumpy leaving, rated well to top of lane, sped home on own. Iffy proposition. Not impossible.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 7th Race Computer Analysis

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

## 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

I will close by quoting the great racing writer David Alexander, who summed up Dr. Fager best and brought back the vision of him on that gray Saratoga morning as he strode past me just as the skies opened up:

"The memory of him is the memory of the wind. I shall remember the brilliant Dr. Fager like a sudden shaft of sunlight on a darkening day."

## Racing delivers fun for East End group

*by Ken Weingartner*

Misqued brought the partners in the East End Standardbreds ownership group together. Her success has carried them to highs they hope to repeat, or exceed, in the future.

John Balzer, a trainer and former U.S. Postal Service employee, heads the group of Long Island, N.Y., businessmen that make up East End Standardbreds. He is joined by his brother Tom,

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## LUST

Out from last far turn, failed to stay with cover, no rally in speedy heat. Back inside. Usable.

## ROCKIN REPEAT

Looped leaving, parked turn, took back to tuck, faded out final furlong. Luke returns. Small shot.

## DICKIES MOTEL

Moved from last uncovered far turn, urged, fair near wire. Slight drop. James choice.

## SOUL DIVA

Left under urging, was looped by winner, gapped some last bend, urged, no rally. Adds Tim.

## SPEAK ENGLISH

1st out midfar turn, kept marching when asked to narrow gap. Improvement noted. Undercard?

## PERFECT PITCH

Out behind winner well before half, good lead up trip, urged, solid try. Slightly easier spot for her. Use.

## FOX VALLEY RUBY

Parked eighth plus, yielded, mild stretch traffic, only fair once free. Extra week off. Segues from claimers.

## SHEZ A SWIFT

Rode cones whole trip, cleared, driven, only fair. Trainer jumps in the sulky.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	PERFECT PITCH
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LUST
Fastest time last race	SPEAK ENGLISH
Fastest win time this year	PERFECT PITCH
Fastest win time last year	ROCKIN REPEAT
Fastest last '1/4' last race	PERFECT PITCH
Closed Strongly last race	SOUL DIVA
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	SOUL DIVA
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	ROCKIN REPEAT DICKIES MOTEL FOX VALLEY RUBY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	PERFECT PITCH

## Pick Four (16%) - \$50,000 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

who owns Slo Jacks restaurant in Hampton Bays; Don Kayser, a paper goods salesman; Tom Maloney, who owns Shinnecock Hardware; and Ron Perone, a realtor.

"She started it all," Balzer said about Misqued, a 4-year-old female pacer who was a New Jersey Sire Stakes champion in 2017. "This is unbelievable to get a horse like this right off the bat. She swept the (New Jersey) Standardbred Development Fund as a 2-year-old and won the sire stakes as a 3-year-old, so it was pretty amazing."

Misqued's impact goes beyond simply winning races. Maloney was diagnosed with cancer and his involvement with the stable has buoyed him during a difficult time.

"He had no connection with racing; he just heard about it and wanted to try it," Balzer said. "He is doing well, but this has really helped him, to have this interest in harness racing, as something to look forward to."

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**CHIEF SARATOGA**  
Left well, sat in to lane, cleared, urged, fair. Rail again but in easier spot.  
**AT LAST**  
Back after racing in Vancouver. Readiness the unknown.  
**HIHOS LITTLE REV**  
Out on cover train near half, suffered poor flow far turn, no chance. Mooney returns; better post and a significant class drop.  
**GET DECKED**  
Settled for soft trip behind the top pair, chased to str, urged, no close. Some extra time off.  
**MATTADOR D**  
Moved from last 4th over, kicked 3-4-5wide, closed well. Midpriced stab here.  
**A BAY BAY**  
Sent 4wide into turn, cleared before quarter, attacked by winner late final bend, gave way grudgingly. Leaves again?  
**CENALTA DIESEL**  
Sat soft trip to lane, heavy traffic into lane, cleared, urged, even. Another class dropper. Shot.  
**CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK**  
Left to tuck, 1st over near half, broke into str, tough to gauge. Outside again. But easier spot.  
**ITSGOODTOBEKING**  
Looped leaving, parked full, bobbled half, disappeared. Longshot.  
**BARBOSA**  
Gapped, failed to show any late interest. Another dropper. But number 10 hole.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK ITSGOODTOBEKING BARBOSA
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Fastest time last race	MATTADOR D
Fastest win time this year	CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK
Fastest win time last year	HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CENALTA DIESEL
Closed Strongly last race	MATTADOR D
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	ITSGOODTOBEKING
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	AT LAST HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Blocked or in trouble last race	HI HO'S LITTLE REV A BAY BAY CENALTA DIESEL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HI HO'S LITTLE REV

## 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
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 10 News

Misqued, purchased by Balzer for \$12,000 at the 2015 Standardbred Horse Sale, has won six of 34 career races and earned \$128,507. Her next start is Friday (March 16) at the Meadowlands, with Corey Callahan in the sulky. The race, the ninth on the 11-race card, will be part of the winter's final "Meadowlands Harness Live" broadcast, which airs from 9-10 p.m. on SNY (SportsNet New York).

"I was looking at the catalogue and thought there could be an opportunity in New Jersey," Balzer said about buying Misqued, who is a daughter of If I Can Dream out of Lu Lu Q. "I thought she was the best one available. She was out of a good mare and looked good. She just looked like an athlete. She was sleek and moved beautifully.

"It worked out. She was very tough in those New Jersey races. She's not really a speed horse, but she can grind it out when she gets the right kind of trip."

## Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

### HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

Left 3wide to drop, backed up to lane, cleared, urged, just fair. Finally an inside post for her.

### LOVERS HOLIDAY

Rode cones, shuffled to last, finished okay late stages. Mooney hops aboard tonight. Not impossible.

### MOON IS ON FIRE

Followed winner out near half, failed to keep up round the bend. Extra week off. Terry returns.

### HIGH BET HANOVER

Left to tuck, out again past half, on rim balance, held fair considering. Post relief noted. James returns to steer.

### MISS BANJOLINA

Parked half turn, yielded, stalked to lane, faded from the chase. Segues from tougher class. Could awaken.

### BACK STOCK

Led early, brushed back past quarter, attacked into lane, stalled bit late. In for 3k now.

### PAS CORN SQUEEZIN

Left alone to top, braked to far turn, sped home, caught near wire. Luke's choice. Only one in for 4k tag. Fires out?



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	PA'S CORN SQUEEZIN
Fastest time last race	MISS BANJOLINA
Fastest win time this year	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Fastest win time last year	MISS BANJOLINA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LOVERS HOLIDAY
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	BACK STOCK
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	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN LOVERS HOLIDAY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

## 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

Misqued, a half-sister to stakes-winner Voracity, later was joined in the East End Standardbreds stable by full sister Black Stilletos. Unraced at 2, Black Stilletos is being pointed toward this year's New Jersey Sire Stakes series. The group also owns 3-year-old male pacer Seems Surreal, who is a New York Sire Stakes hopeful, and 2-year-old male pacer A Major Omen, who is a half-brother to 2016 Breeders Crown champion Someomensomewhere.

"Seems Surreal has come a long way," Balzer said. "Last year he wasn't totally into it. This year he's looking good. He's a great big horse. I'm hopeful.

"A Major Omen is the best prospect I've ever had. He's doing really well."

Balzer got hooked on harness racing as a young fan going to Roosevelt and Yonkers with his father. After graduating from college, Balzer ended up at Florida's Pompano Park and worked as a groom before driving and training

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

**OUTLAW GOODNREADY**  
Led early, yielded, traffic to midstretch, urged, more traffic wire. Steve returns. Gimmick must.

**LUCKY JEWEL**  
Followed winner into far turn, good lead up, driven, no rally. Finds pretty good spot here. Willie returns.

**BUZZ LIGHT**  
Parked eighth plus, brushed back 3/8s, attacked by winner, held tough to wire. Better post. Terry's back.

**HE GRINS AGAIN**  
Left 3wide, parked turn to top, attacked late last bend, urged, tough. James choice. Also gets post relief.

**MAJOR JESSE**  
4wide early to mid turn tuck, moved from afar, excess cover half, angled wide with cover, flattened bit. Mooney's in the bike. Better post.

**CRASH AND BURN**  
Out well before half, attacked balance, kept marching, tough score. Regularly plays hard. One of many.

**MACHABYEBABY**  
Came up on long train, followed 3wide, rallied strongly late. Outside again but smaller field size enhances chances.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	MACHABYEBABY
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MACHABYEBABY
Fastest time last race	HE GRINS AGAIN
Fastest win time this year	MACHABYEBABY
Fastest win time last year	MACHABYEBABY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MACHABYEBABY
Closed Strongly last race	MACHABYEBABY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	CRASH AND BURN
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	CRASH AND BURN (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	MAJOR JESSE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MACHABYEBABY

### 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

for several years. He put harness racing on the backburner while working for the post office, but returned as he neared retirement.

"As I was getting toward the end of my career there, I started dabbling with the horses again," Balzer said. "It's a pretty small operation, but that's what we're doing now."

Balzer trained Miseded prior to this year, but turned her over to New Jersey-based Jeff Weiner so he could focus on the stable's younger horses.

"To race at Freehold or the Meadowlands is almost like an all-day affair with the traffic and everything," Balzer said. "I'm 67, so doing the overnight horses isn't that much fun anymore. I like to concentrate on the 2- and 3-year-olds. This is what I want to do. I enjoy working with them. It's a challenge, but it's fun. They're so inspiring to work with; it's just amazing how they come along."

# Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

## FRANKY PROVOLONE

Led early, pocket behind winner into turn, followed to lane, faded from the chase. Mooney returns to the bike. Use from rail.

## BANKERS FOR ALL

Rode rail whole trip, just a fair tuner. James choice over 3 others. How ready can she be?

## DON LINDY

First out near half, stalled suddenly when pace picked up. Third start back angle for him.

## CADET

Out before quarter to top, raced unchallenged to lane, faded, bumpy behind. Took a week off. Who knows?

## WINSOM KELLY

Rode cones, broke late last bend, disappeared. Form is suspect right now.

## JESSESJO

Rode cones whole trip, cleared last turn gapper, closed fastest. Willie returns. And he's coming around.

## WINDSUN GALAXIE

Rough approaching start, spotted field 6 plus, failed to get involved. Chip hops aboard. Figures to leave for position.

## DOUGS HOBBY HORSE

Sped to top, attacked into lane, faded once passed. Pretty good spot if she's ready. Midpriced stab from outside.



## CAL EXPO HARNESS

### 12th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	DOUGS HOBBY HORSE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	DOUGS HOBBY HORSE
Fastest time last race	JESSESJO
Fastest win time this year	DOUGS HOBBY HORSE
Fastest win time last year	CADET
Fastest last '1/4' last race	JESSESJO
Closed Strongly last race	JESSESJO
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	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	JESSESJO DOUGS HOBBY HORSE

# HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

## 10 Cent Wagers

	Your Cost		
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