

Race 1 News

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



CAL EXPO HARNESS

Previewing the 3-year-old pacing division

By Derick Giwner

We are six to eight weeks from seeing many of the best 2-year-old pacers from 2018 return to the track and more than three months removed from their last appearance. Absence may make the heart grow fonder, but it is more likely that you have forgotten the key horses that will battle week-in and week-out in 2019 for supremacy in races like the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace, Jugette and Breeders Crown.

As is customary and because I've developed a hard enough skin over the years to withstand the "how can you leave my horse off the list?" or "why is my horse so far down the list?" complaints, I present below my Top 20 3-year-old pacers for this year.

NUTMEGS DESIRE

Asked leaving, 3hole tripped to lane, cleared, driven, only fair late interest. Price will drift now. Obviously usable.

DUET

Reserved early, at the back throughout, no late moves in quick heat. Rene returns. Better post noted. Plan?

POORLITTLERICHGIRL

Out before half, grabbed cover soonafter, burst 3deep late far turn, urged, easy 2nd best. Luke's choice over 2 others. Major player.

SHEZ A SWIFT

Rode cones, took out late last turn, angled wide, urged, just fair. Chip Lackey gets the call here.

FRISKIES ANGEL

Led into turn, braked while untested to far turn, battled to midstr, stalled a bit. Nathan back in the bike. One more thought.

PERFECT PITCH

1st out half, advanced to 3/4s, kept grinding to save show check. Has had her excuses. Not the worst price stab.

GRAN SAN

Sped from gate, kept marching on the sealed track, some late urging, wow. First race of the night, track was hard and very fast. James choice.

1st Race Computer Analysis

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

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

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

Race 2 News

There were no scientific methods or algorithm computations used in the creation of the list. It is simply one man's opinion based on 2018 accomplishments and visual observations. The rankings, which I loosely based on prospective earnings potential (Warrawee Ubeaut is less likely to out-earn the top two or three colts, for example) are not quite as important as the fact that the names simply appear on the list.

I'm sure many people will disagree with the order or find fault in my logic (or lack thereof). To those people, I invite you to reach out and provide your perspective. Email me at dgiwner@drf.com and speak your mind. Maybe I missed something. Maybe you have a strong opinion that deserves consideration. Either way, I'm curious enough to want to hear your thoughts.

Without further delay, below is my Top 20 with comments from the connections of a few of the top horses and select others.

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LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Popped out near half, got lead but not rail, battled balance, tough try. Hikes, better post, adds Steve, usable.

RUSH AND A BRUSH
Tracked winner from outset, chased to lane, urged, just fair. Gets some class relief tonight. A gimmick contender.

DANDYS DUDUDIDUDU
Led into turn, braked, attacked by winner from half, held tough to wire. James choice. Repeat of last will play tough versus these.

NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Grabbed cover half, great lead up trip, urged to get by stubborn leader. Ricky returns to the bike. Can also toss in two exotics.

LA DIVA DE ROSA
Shuffled to last, angled out late last bend, driven, no rally. Tries Mooney. Probable longshot though.

HI FIDELITY
Parked turn, released to winner's retake, gapped suddenly far turn, weakened. Outside again. What's her plan?



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2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	DANDY'S DUDUDIDUDU
Fastest time last race	RUSH AND A BRUSH NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Fastest win time this year	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Fastest win time last year	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	RUSH AND A BRUSH NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	DANDY'S DUDUDIDUDU HI FIDELITY
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS

March 2019

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Race 3 News

1 – Captain Crunch

He won the Breeders Crown and Governors Cup last year and clearly stands as the top dog going into 2019. Did I mention he also led all colts in earnings and posted the co-fastest mile for that division at 1:49 1/5? He'll have to prove this year that he can face pressure on the front and still dig in for a victory, but there is no reason to believe he won't add that dimension to his game.

"He's always been a good-sized horse, but he filled out quite a bit," said trainer Nancy Johansson. "He just has this shine to him. He would catch anybody's eye when he's out on the track."

2 – Workin Ona Mystery

Was perfect in five starts heading into the Breeders Crown last year and just never seemed comfortable during that mile. While a late August start to his year probably cost him a big season in terms of

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MORTGAGE MY VILLA

2nd over near half, good lead up trip, held tough, caught by one he led up. Rail, one of many in wide open event.

ALMOST CUT MY HAIR

First over into far turn, covered 3/4s, urged, failed to rally. Drops another level. Was favorite to better last week.

CRUSIN FOR YOU

Parked turn, yielded, shuffled to last, cleared, driven, only fair. Okay form. Another in the mix.

JUSTABITCRAZY

Quarter moved, attacked from half, faded from the brutal skirmish. One more who must be included.

LAST DRAGON

Bided time to far turn, tipped out on rim, drew away as expected. Steps back up. Figures for a late surge again.

GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL

Tipped out far turn, quickly 3rd over, angled, rallied fast to be right there. Drops after missing a week. Adds Steve. Tough to ignore down here.



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3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Fastest time last race	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Fastest win time this year	CRUSIN FOR YOU
Fastest win time last year	ALMOST CUT MY HAIR
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Closed Strongly last race	LAST DRAGON
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	ALMOST CUT MY HAIR (B) CRUSIN FOR YOU (B) LAST DRAGON (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL

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

earnings, he did show what he is capable of by doing the heavy lifting in a 1:49 3/5 International Stallion Stakes win at the Red Mile. Ironically, trainer Brian Brown said that while the horse was perfect the week prior in the Bluegrass winning in 1:50 3/5, he was not himself leading up to the Stallion Stakes. That led to a shoeing change that the trainer said helped make him a little better.

"It wasn't that he was bad-gaited, but he just wasn't smooth and wasn't himself," said Brown of Workin Ona Mystery in his sub-1:50 win at the Red Mile.

As far as the failure of the horse to fire in the Breeders Crown, Brown revealed that Workin Ona Mystery bled "pretty bad" that night. Apparently, Pennsylvania rules prohibited the use of Lasix for 2-year-olds.

Considering how dynamic Workin Ona Mystery was on the track despite some issues, one has to wonder

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WHY ASK WHY

First out near half, didn't advance much on the rim, still kept grinding. Trips from the pole. Chance.

IM AN ATHLETE

Settled in for soft trip, benefited inside traffic, urged to narrow the gap. Similar trip expected here, or does he try to cut the mile?

KING OF THE CROP

Moved out half, not a good flow, kicked 3wide late far turn, tough to gauge late interest. Inside for the first time in ages. One to beat.

BETTOR IN THE BANK

Out before half, bad flow, blind switched 3/4s, clear, urged, ran out of ground. Also gets post relief. The obvious main danger.

BLUE STAR MAVERICK

Pushed half turn, tracked to far turn, angled with cover into lane, urged, 3 on wire. Solid rallies off soft trips. The plan here?

EASTENDER

Parked eighth plus, yielded, back out into lane, led, nailed wire. Also sharp. Can he fire out once again?



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4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BETTOR IN THE BANK BLUE STAR MAVERICK
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BLUE STAR MAVERICK
Fastest time last race	BETTOR IN THE BANK BLUE STAR MAVERICK EASTENDER
Fastest win time this year	WHY ASK WHY KING OF THE CROP
Fastest win time last year	I'M AN ATHLETE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BETTOR IN THE BANK
Closed Strongly last race	BETTOR IN THE BANK BLUE STAR MAVERICK
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	I'M AN ATHLETE EASTENDER
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	KING OF THE CROP (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	KING OF THE CROP
Blocked or in trouble last race	WHY ASK WHY KING OF THE CROP BETTOR IN THE BANK
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BETTOR IN THE BANK

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

how good he can be if in perfect shape as a 3-year-old.

3 – Proof

He never really wowed me as a 2-year-old but did show up with a solid effort in every start. He also displayed great versatility. The base is there for him to be one of the best in the sport.

“Proof grew some (over the winter) and has grown into a real good-looking, slick horse. He’s gained weight and looks pretty good,” said trainer Brian Brown.

4 – Warrawee Ubeaut

She became the fastest 2-year-old pacer in history with a 1:48 3/5 win at the Red Mile, but there were also a couple of races where she couldn’t quite get the job done. When you consider some of the talent she’ll face in 2019, she’ll have to be spectacular to dominate.

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SING N SANDI

Sent from gate, braked, attacked far turn, faded out readily once passed. Adds Steve. Speed and rail, staying power the question.

ROCKIN REPEAT

Sat in whole trip, no rally in the fast heat. Looks like undercard material.

TWIN B DELIGHTFUL

Led briefly, pocket into turn, lugged out late last bend, Not sure what to think. Extra time off since. Who knows?

BRUSHIN ALBERT

Sent to top, pocket behind winner mid turn, tracked rest of way, urged, 2nd best. James choice in here. Looks best on paper.

I WILL SCORE

Left to tuck, caught in behind breaker near quarter, eliminated. Ricky returns to the bike.

CENALTA DIESEL

Left, quarter moved back, attacked fare turn, gave way grudgingly. Lasix off tonight.

READ ME MY RIGHTS

Rode cones, shuffled to lane, angled out into the lane, driven, no rally. Gets into a better spot. What’s he do from outside?



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5th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	READ ME MY RIGHTS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BRUSHIN ALBERT
Fastest time last race	BRUSHIN ALBERT
Fastest win time this year	CENALTA DRAGSTER
Fastest win time last year	BRUSHIN ALBERT
Fastest last '1/4' last race	READ ME MY RIGHTS
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	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	I WILL SCORE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	BRUSHIN ALBERT

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

5 – Stag Party

He certainly displayed some big performances in 2018, but he also made a break back in July and lost a Ontario Sire Stakes race in October he rightfully should have won easily even on his 'B' game. The talent is there, no doubt, but I'm just not convinced he is the best just yet.

6 – Tall Drink Hanover

I'm not so sure she possessed the same dynamic speed as Warrawee Ubeaut last year but she did beat her twice in 2018. Something tells me she is going to be a tough customer this year.

7 – Hurrikane Emperor

You can't teach speed and like his dad Hurrikane Kingcole, who once paced 1:18 2/5 to three-quarters at The Meadowlands, this guy has it. His 1:49 3/5 win at the Red Mile in September, before the track tends to get crazy-fast for the Grand Circuit, sticks out in a big way. I'm

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CENALTA GLORY

Out past half, covered to the lane, urged, failed to rally. Rail, adds Mooney, big shot for all of it.

DOUBLE MYSTERY

Slow leaving, at the back to far turn, failed to get involved. Lands a pretty good spot tonight.

HOT DANDY

Led at once, released to winner past quarter, stalled in lane. Probably gonna need one.

HUSH A BYE BABY

Gapped while rail riding, failed to get keep up in the late stages. Another longshot.

LUCKY SEVEN OF LODI

Off gate pair, inherited 3hole half, tracked rest of mile, no rally. An extra week off. Worth a look among this crew.

LA REINA DE ROSA

Rode the rail throughout. Held on better than expected through the slowed fractions. Probably coming from last in here.



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6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	CENALTA GLORY
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CENALTA GLORY
Fastest time last race	DOUBLE MYSTERY
Fastest win time this year	CENALTA GLORY
Fastest win time last year	HUSH A BYE BABY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CENALTA GLORY LA REINA DE ROSA
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	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA GLORY

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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excited to see how fast this guy really can go.

"He filled out awesome and his easy season was a true blessing," said trainer John McDermott about the colt sticking to Sire Stakes and ending his year on October 6. "He is the most professional horse I've ever trained and he does everything perfectly."

8 - Captain Ahab

Captaintreacheros-sired colt went into the Metro final perfect in seven starts and laid an egg as the odds-on favorite. He followed up the disappointment with a fourth-place finish at the Red Mile and didn't race again. According to co-owner Myron Bell, there was a logical reason for the tail-off.

"He bled in the Metro. We put him on Lasix in Kentucky after skipping the first week," said Bell. "We put him away the first week of October and he had three months at Brittany (Farms). He grew

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SUN BEAU TOUGHIE
Parked half turn, braked 2nd panel, sped up with wind at back, some stretch urging. Better post. Ryan hops aboard.

BRIGITTE BORDEAUX
Parked half turn, back 1st over near half, attacked balance, urged to hold. Chip returns to steer.

REYS N A RUCKUS
Settled into pocket at once, popped out far turn, unable to sustain the bid, faded a little late. One of many contenders.

THEREALGOODS
Sped to top, yielded to quarter mover, tracked to lane, cleared a bit late, urged to save place. Post relief noted. Firing out?

KABOOM POW
Out well before half, advanced thru slow clip, got by leader, urged to hold. Adds fresh Lasix. Luke's choice. Obvious use.

BE MY LUCKY LADY
Saved all ground to the lane, cleared, urged solid rally. Tougher post assignment here.

CHILMA
2nd over half, followed winner to lane, failed to keep up late stages. Also moves outside.

PINK LADY
Took cover past half, good lead up, swung wide into lane, driven. Mooney's choice. Another gimmick must.

DANCERS FANCY
Led early, yielded, soft trip to lane, urged best of the rest. Cal Expo welcomes Gene Long.



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7th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BRIGITTE BORDEAUX REYS N A RUCKUS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	BRIGITTE BORDEAUX
Fastest time last race	REYS N A RUCKUS
Fastest win time this year	THEREALGOODS
Fastest win time last year	KABOOM POW
Fastest last '1/4' last race	THEREALGOODS
Closed Strongly last race	THEREALGOODS BE MY LUCKY LADY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	SUN BEAU TOUGHIE REYS N A RUCKUS
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SUN BEAU TOUGHIE (W) BRIGITTE BORDEAUX (W) KABOOM POW (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	THEREALGOODS
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	THEREALGOODS

POST POSITION TEN - 10 Across

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

Race 8 News

about another hand and he's about 16 hands now. He's a special animal and our best colt on paper."

9 - Captain Trevor

Was kept on mile tracks until the Breeders Crown and looked fine winning his elimination, but never seemed quite right on the sloppy surface in the final. He displayed the necessary speed as a 2-year-old to believe that with continued growth over the winter, he could step up.

"He's coming back very good. He's been in about 2:12. He won't be qualifying until about May 1," said co-owner Myron Bell, who also commented on the Breeders Crown loss. "He was sick. He came first-over and was in a bad spot. He is more of a trip horse than a horse who cuts the mile. He's very good leaving and sitting. That's how I read him. Of course he can improve, but he is a very nice horse."

10 - No Mas Amor

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TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME

Parked past quarter, yielded to quarter mover, tracked balance, urged, even. Drops, figures for great trip from pole.

HIHOS LITTLE REV

Left to tuck, back 1st over near half, long grind on rim, still tough late. Finally an inside post. Luke steers.

MAJOR JESSE

Bobbled, sent hard, back out on rim into last bend, held tough, edged for 2nd. James choice. Runner-up to the fave a month ago.

WESTERN DEVIL

Left 3wide, parked past quarter, released past half, faded from the skirmish. Longshot.

CHIEF SARATOGA

Led, pushed, back out near half, attacked to lane, faded from hard use. Ricky returns. Undercard thoughts.

HI HO HOUDINI

Led early, yielded, shuffled to midstr, cleared, urged to save place. tougher post and tougher foes.

TWOMICKEYTRIP

Quarter moved, left on rim attacking the balance, faded from the skirmish. Plan from outside?

URGOINTOHEARMEROAR

Sent hard, picked up clip far turn, lugged out in the lane, was passed, tried to fight back. Couple weeks off to recuperate.



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8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Fastest time last race	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Fastest win time this year	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Fastest win time last year	HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Fastest last '1/4' last race	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Closed Strongly last race	HI HO'S LITTLE REV HI HO HOUDINI
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME TWOMICKEYTRIP URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Blocked or in trouble last race	WESTERN DEVIL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR

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.**

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Made a name for himself by winning in 1:49 1/5 at the Red Mile at 114-1 and followed it up with a Breeders Crown elimination win. He was a credible fourth in the Crown final as well. It is hard to say if his big races were anomalies or the norm. Time will tell.

11 – Prescient Beauty

Beat Warrawee Ubeaut in the Three Diamonds and was a game third in the Breeders Crown. Daughter of Art Major is another very talented pacing filly in a group loaded with ability.

12 – Zero Tolerance

She never finished off the board in 13 starts and despite lacking a signature win or an ultra-fast career mark, she was always a force to be reckoned with against this tough group of fillies.

13 – Mangogh

He is a son of Western Ideal who had a solid initial campaign on the track.

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KISS ON THE LIPS

Far back the mile, failed to get involved. Better post for second start back. Gerry returns.

ALONG CAME JANE

2nd over near half, tipped wide into lane, urged, stalled a bit. James choice. Also gets better draw.

GREEKONA

Followed winner from half, good lead up, some urging, safely 3rd. Week off. Pretty good spot. Gotta use.

BURN MY VILLA

Rode cones to midfar turn, edged out with cover, solid late rally in comebacker. Also took week off. Hikes. Usable.

SURPRISINGLY SWEET

Tucked early, rode cones to lane, no rally in the comeback tuner. Might be tighter now. And the price should be decent.

FIRE DANCE

Led early, quickly into pocket, sat to midstr, cleared, exploded, away easily. Adds Ryan. Segues from claimers.

LEGIO X EQUESTRIS

Sat in half, took cover into last bend, followed 3wide, urged, useful prep. Figures months tighter now. Major player.

GETTER QUEEN FLUSH

1st out well before half, rim the balance, still held on pretty well. Solid form but killer post.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Fastest time last race	GREEKONA
Fastest win time this year	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Fastest win time last year	LEGIO X EQUESTRIS
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GREEKONA BURN MY VILLA
Closed Strongly last race	BURN MY VILLA FIRE DANCE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SURPRISINGLY SWEET (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	KISS ON THE LIPS
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SURPRISINGLY SWEET

IN HONOR OF JIM GRUNDY

Tonight's Jim Grundy Memorial is named for a fixture in California harness racing for more than 30 years who passed away in 2009 at the age of 74. Jim Grundy made 2,617 trips to the charmed enclosure as a driver, with more than \$10.3 million in earnings and was inducted into the California Hall of Fame in 2007. Originally a hockey player in his native Canada, a knee injury forced Grundy to hang up his skates and stick in 1958. Going into the family business of harness racing, he found his second niche in life as a top driver/trainer. Grundy appren-

ticed under famed horsemen Eddie Cobb, Clint Hodges and Frank Popfinger before going out on his own in the early 1960s. He was the leading driver at Monticello for three straight years between 1971 and 1973 before heading west with his wife Deborah, a former schoolteacher and bookkeeper for the stable. It was here where Grundy blossomed into one of the state's top harness horsemen. Teaming with owners like Chris Bardis, Lloyd Arnold and Ron Zumbrun, he won countless stakes with the likes of Googie, Hug A Bear, Steam and Easel.

He was especially noted as an outstanding conditioner of young trotters. Steve Desomer, Gene Vallandingham competed against Grundy for many years and had high praise for his skills. "Jim was not only our friend, but partners with us on many memorable horses," said Desomer. "He was an exceptional horseman and this resulted in a long and successful career." "I knew Jim from the time he came to California in the early 70s," stated Vallandingham. "He was a nice guy and a great horseman, and I always enjoyed his company."

Race 10

News

While his performance and record don't stick out, he was the victim of some bad trips and poor luck.

14 – Air Force Hanover

Raced well in every start except the Breeders Crown final. The pure speed is definitely there if he matures.

"He was a June foal, so he probably had the most growing to do, but he may be the biggest of the three now and stoutest of the other two," said trainer Brian Brown comparing Air Force Hanover to Workin Ona Mystery and Proof. "Lasix will help him a lot, too."

15 – Love Me Some Lou

He doesn't have the résumé of some of the others but don't let that fool you. In July he won at Harrah's Philadelphia in 1:50 4/5, missing the track record set in 2009 (Rock N Roll Heaven) by just one-fifth of a second.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

JENN ON THE ROCKS
Quarter moved, took pressure from winner far turn, tired a bit deep in drive. Luke's choice over 2 others.

CARRO SPARKS
Reserved to far turn, angled out into lane, driven to be best of the rest. Chip's back. Usable underneath.

MIKIS MAGIC RIDE
Tried to leave, took back, out around breaker quarter, back out far turn, traffic, wide, urged. Adds Mooney. Better draw too.

HAY HAY ALRIGHT
Broke approaching the start, lost contact. Will toss that mile out. One to beat.

EDDIE BRUSH
Far back from outer post, failed to make any menacing moves. Since been scratched. Adds Gerry.

OUTLAW BLUE ICE
Looped leaving, tucked, tracked to lane, never fully clear. Lots of excuses for him of late. Gimmick must.

CUSTARDS DUNGEON
Burst out of pocket quarter, set leisurely clip to lane, sped home on own, hw10. How ready in first start as a 3-year-old?

LILBITOFMAMA
Followed winner's cover past half, good lead up, urged, caught for 2nd wire. Coming from last, a tough assignment.



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10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	JENN ON THE ROCKS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE
Fastest time last race	CARRO SPARKS
Fastest win time this year	JENN ON THE ROCKS
Fastest win time last year	LILBITOFMAMA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	OUTLAW BLUE ICE LILBITOFMAMA
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE
Blocked or in trouble last race	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE OUTLAW BLUE ICE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MIKI'S MAGIC RIDE

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

16 – Blood Money

He certainly made a good living as a 2-year-old but never really shined as the best of the group. Even in his one big win in the Matron, things set up nicely for him coming first-over versus a tired leader. Of course, with a bit of improvement he'd be as good as any.

17 – Shake That House

He put in some very nice performances in 2018 but didn't walk away with any open stakes wins. His earning power is also limited because he won't be competing in the Pace at The Meadowlands.

18 – Reigning Deo

New York Sire Stakes champion held his own in Grand Circuit stakes late in the season with three checks and displaying a good closing kick. Maybe he can be the exceptional son Rock N Roll Heaven has been missing?

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LUCKY IVAN

Took out behind winner into far turn, good lead up trip, failed to gain. Inside. Adds James. Not impossible.

CAMITA B AND E

Moved from back to get on unproductive cover train, no chance into fast mile. Post relief noted. One more to include.

STYLEMASTER

Rode cones again. No rally in second prep. Drops, Luke returns here.

EXCEPTIONAL

Sat in whole trip, urged, failed to rally. So-so form. Maybe a slice of it.

IM BLUE TOO

3rd over half, had to swing wide around stalled cover 3/4s, faded out from the chase. Mooney's choice. A pretty good spot tonight.

DEWEYDIDDONEGOOD

Out well before half, covered up, not a good flow, came wide, just a mild rally. Outside again but might just fire out in here.

TICKET TO ROLL

1st over half, never caught cover, kept grinding, driven to narrow gap. Extra week off. Nathan returns. Obvious post woes.



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11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LUCKY IVAN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LUCKY IVAN
Fastest time last race	I'M BLUE TOO
Fastest win time this year	LUCKY IVAN
Fastest win time last year	I'M BLUE TOO
Fastest last '1/4' last race	TICKET TO ROLL
Closed Strongly last race	TICKET TO ROLL
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	I'M BLUE TOO (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	CAMITA B AND E
Blocked or in trouble last race	I'M BLUE TOO DEWEYDIDDONEGOOD
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	I'M BLUE TOO

FAST TRACK: The optimum condition for a dirt track, dry, fast and even.

GOOD TRACK: Condition between fast and slow, generally a bit wet.

SLOPPY TRACK: A track that is wet on surface with firm bottom.

SLOW TRACK: A track with some moisture in it that is not fast, between good and heavy.

MUDDY TRACK: Deep condition of racetrack after being soaked with water.

HEAVY TRACK: Condition of track when wet similar to muddy but slower.

Race 12 News

19 - Beautyonthebeach

Daughter of Somebeachsomewhere is a very good filly who faced a group of killers in 2018. Can she close the gap on her peers this year?

20 - Melodies Major

He was the king of the New York Sire Stakes until a tough trip led to a second-place finish in the final. It's hard to say how good he is because he never left his home state.

Finally, some of the horses I considered but left off the list: Queen Of The Pride, Bronx Seelster, Semi Tough, Bettor's Wish, De Los Cielos Deo, Sugar Factory, Hickfromfrenchlick, Waterway, Lyons Night Hawk, Mac's Power, U S Captain, Shipshape, Magic Joe Lindy, St Somewhere, Glorious Virgin.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BECKYS DREAMBOAT
Left 3wide, parked eighth plus, yielded, chased to lane, cleared along cones, urged, almost. Post relief here. Usable.

SWAGASAURUSREX
Sat in the trip, knocked off-stride 3/4s, had solid late interest. Also moves inside. Gotta use in your gimmicks.

IN FOR THE CHASE
Took out near half, loose cover, kept grinding and rallied well as usual. Took an extra week off. Big shot in here.

SCARY HARRY
Came 4th over from half, angled wide into lane, urged to narrow gap. Enough post relief to make me wary of Harry.

JOHNNY GUN
Left, brushed back near quarter, kept marching, urged to get it. Steve hops aboard. Sharp, steps up.

CONTEMPORAY LEGEND
Led into turn, yielded, some traffic into lane, tough to gauge. Little urging. Extra week off too.

WALKER MEISTER
Took out into far turn, came wide, urged to eke out runnerup. Outside again but has options when the gate springs.

IMMA TANK
Parked eighth plus, back 1stover half, led into far turn, attacked, finally faded out. been tossing hints but has outer post to overcome.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

12th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	BECKYS DREAMBOAT IN FOR THE CHASE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	IN FOR THE CHASE
Fastest time last race	BECKYS DREAMBOAT
Fastest win time this year	IN FOR THE CHASE
Fastest win time last year	WALKER MEISTER
Fastest last '1/4' last race	IN FOR THE CHASE
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	IMMA TANK
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	IN FOR THE CHASE (B) JOHNNY GUN (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	BECKYS DREAMBOAT
Blocked or in trouble last race	SWAGASAURUSREX
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	IN FOR THE CHASE

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