

Race 1 News

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



CAL EXPO HARNESS

Jim Grundy Trot Honors outstanding horseman

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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 trainer/driver.

Grundy apprenticed 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 Raceway for three straight years between 1971 and 1973 before heading west with his wife, Deborah, a former schoolteacher and

WIZZEL STIX

Returns from layoff. Adds Rene. Segues from claimers. Let's watch one.

CENALTA COUGAR

Left, tracked out to lane, failed to make any menacing moves. Extra week off. Drops. Adds Luke. User for sure.

BE MY LUCKY LADY

3rd over past half, failed to keep up round the bend. Steve's choice. Post improvement. Been facing tougher?

CHILMA

Led from gate, yielded, tracked to lane, urged, ended up in traffic late. Undercard thoughts in here.

LISTENTOHERHEART

Sat soft trip to lane, shuffled to last, some drive, no rally. Third start back angle applies.

NAT A KATT

Sent to top, braked to far turn, stepped on the gass, urged to prevail. Extra week off. Plan from outside?

ROCKIN REPEAT

Took soft trip to far turn, tipped out, urged, failed to advance. Skipped a week. Moves outside. Tough spot.

1st Race Computer Analysis

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

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

bookkeeper for the stable.

It was at Cal Expo 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, Hugabear, Steam and Easel. He was especially noted as an outstanding conditioner of young trotters.

Steve Desomer, Gene Vallandingham and Rick Kuebler 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."

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PLACE AT THE BEACH

Out near half, surged on to top, pressed by winner to lane, faded from the skirmish. Gerry returns. Trips from rail. Shot.

IF YOU SAY SO

Left, quarter moved, attacked near half, stalked, cleared, urged, okay try. Excuses in some of recent efforts. Thought.

DIRECTING TRAFFIC

Burst out near half, sped up far turn, urged into lane, easy late, tw12. Confidence builder for her?

FIRE DANCE

Looped leaving, tucked mid bend, out again near half, never covered, urged, held fair. Post relief noted. One more to consider.

SWEET ONE

Led into turn, yielded, gapped last bend, no rally. Luke returns. Has speed to use if Luke chooses.

PARTY HANGOVER TWO

Away well, tracked top pair whole trip, closed well on own. Trio of solid tuners. Gets into a pretty good spot. Figures plenty tough despite layoff.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	DIRECTING TRAFFIC
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	FIRE DANCE
Fastest time last race	IF YOU SAY SO
Fastest win time this year	IF YOU SAY SO
Fastest win time last year	FIRE DANCE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	DIRECTING TRAFFIC
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	PLACE AT THE BEACH IF YOU SAY SO PARTY HANGOVER TWO
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	FIRE DANCE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	IF YOU SAY SO FIRE DANCE

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Race 3 News

Carl Becker reflects on Communicators Hall of Fame career

by Ken Weingartner, USTA Media Relations Manager

Carl Becker was barely a teenager when he provided play-by-play for a summer softball league in Altamont, Ill., but at that moment he knew he wanted a career behind a microphone. Becker's election to harness racing's Communicators Hall of Fame is the result of his ambitions fulfilled, although not exactly as he imagined during those early days.

"I thought I was the next Cardinals baseball broadcaster; I had no doubt in my mind that's what I was going to be," Becker said with a laugh as he recalled his start. "Things took a little turn. It worked out the best for all of us, including the Cardinals fans probably."

Becker, who has spent more than five decades calling horse races, will be honored at the Dan Patch Awards banquet in Orlando, Fla., on Feb. 25,

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GLAD TO MEET YA

Settled early, followed balance of the mile, not asked. Respect connections. How ready will she be?

LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Off gate 2-3, took cover into far turn, angled wide, rallied okay, best of the rest. Post relief. Obvious threat for all.

JSLITTLESUPERSTAR

Left well, released past quarter, stalked rest of way, not urged in lane. Returns after year off. Who knows?

LUCKY SEVEN OF LODI

Led early, yielded, tracked balance, driven, no rally. Skipped a week. Small slice maybe.

GOT TONE

Looped leaving, parked eighth plus, out from half, didn't advance, tired. Another undercard thought.

THEREALGOODS

Reserved early, sat til late last bend, followed rival into lane, closed on own. One more question mark. Not totally impossible.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT
Fastest time last race	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT
Fastest win time this year	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT
Fastest win time last year	J'SLITTLESUPERSTAR
Fastest last '1/4' last race	THEREALGOODS
Closed Strongly last race	J'SLITTLESUPERSTAR THEREALGOODS
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	GOT TONE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

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

with his official enshrinement in the Communicators Hall of Fame coming July 1 at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y.

"It's a tremendous honor when you think about the people that are in the Hall and the ones that are going in," Becker said. "It's something I didn't expect and I really appreciate it."

Also elected to the Communicators Hall of Fame was writer Dave Briggs. Elected to the Hall of Fame were Jules Siegel and Margareta Wallenius-Kleberg, two of the sport's most successful breeders and owners.

Becker's introduction to harness racing came at the Effingham County Fair in Altamont.

"I would watch the horse races and I loved them," Becker said. "When I got to high school, my buddies and I would pick a number and play for a penny or a nickel. I couldn't get away from it. I liked the excitement of it. I had a favorite horse named Trigger

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JUSTABITCRAZY

Stuck at back, out briefly far turn, back inside, fair late near wire. Drops. Moves inside. Can certainly play in here.

IM BLUE TOO

Tracked to last bend, tipped out on rim, failed to sustain the bid. Also drops. James hops aboard. Recent form suspect though.

CENALTA DIESEL

1st out from half, moved alertly on the rim, caught deep in drive, much best of the rest. Steve's choice. Been giving solid signals of late.

SWAGASAUUSREX

Gapped past half, lost contact. Another dropper. And also get some post relief. Will toss out last clunker.

RUSTY CARTER

Sent from pole, tripped to far turn, burst out, right by leader, away on own. Steps back up. A confidence builder for Rusty?

ARMY OF ONE

Out past half, stormed into lead, home on own, very strong. Also hikes off the powerhouse win. Major threat.



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4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	I'M BLUE TOO
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SWAGASAUUSREX
Fastest time last race	CENALTA DIESEL
Fastest win time this year	I'M BLUE TOO
Fastest win time last year	SWAGASAUUSREX
Fastest last '1/4' last race	JUSTABITCRAZY
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	RUSTY CARTER (W) ARMY OF ONE (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	JUSTABITCRAZY
Blocked or in trouble last race	JUSTABITCRAZY SWAGASAUUSREX
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	JUSTABITCRAZY SWAGASAUUSREX

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

Colleen. When he raced at Altamont I was on edge the night before and couldn't wait to see what happened the next day. It just kind of grew from there."

His path to the racetrack announcer's booth was gradual, but his career picked up steam quickly once he headed that direction. Becker graduated from the University of Illinois, where he majored in agricultural education and minored in animal science, and spent five years as a teacher. He was 27 when he began calling races regularly at the fairs and soon found himself on some of the sport's biggest stages.

"The announcing part, I thought I could do that," Becker said. "It all just fell into place. I just thoroughly enjoy watching horses race. We would have some very competitive races at the county fairs.

"I did the Illinois State Fair, and that was a dream come true. Back then, the Grand Circuit went from Springfield to Indianapolis to Du Quoin, and The Red Mile was a few weeks later.

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FRANKS BEST

Left well, tripped out to lane, cleared, urged, much best of the rest. Skipped a week. Rail again. User.

SILVERLODE

Far back early, 1st over near half, attacked to the lane, hung bit late. Drops back down. Back inside. Looks strong.

THE EVICTOR

Left well, soft trip to lane, driven, no rally. Another dropper. Undercard seems more likely.

CADET

Moved out 3rd over behind winner past half, good lead up, light urging. So-so form. Who knows?

LIVID LUKE

Rode cones the trip, cleared into lane, driven, only fair. Also skipped a week. Another long-shot.

SILVERHILL VOLO

Parked turn, yielded to quarter moving fave, stalked, urged, almost. Drops after solid try Vs Open foes. Must use too.

WINDSUN GALAXIE

Looped, tucked, out past half, bad flow, back to rail, no chance. Luke returns. Figures to fire out as usual.

FRANKY PROVOLONE

1st over past half, rimmed balance, faded from the skirmish. Skipped a week. James choice. Tactically hindered.



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5th Race Computer Analysis

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

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

I did the Illinois State Fair, and I did Indiana, and Du Quoin and The Red Mile. It was a six-week period and it was exciting. I saw all the great drivers, all the great horses. It just was a real trip."

Two of Becker's many memorable days occurred in 1980. The first was Billy Haughton winning the final Hambletonian Stakes at Du Quoin with Burgomeister, a horse owned by his late son Peter, who had died in a car accident earlier that year. The second was Niatross' 1:49.1 world record time trial at The Red Mile, which marked the first time a horse broke the 1:50 barrier.

"I was very blessed," Becker said. "Two of the greatest moments in harness racing I was fortunate to be part of. The Haughton win with Burgomeister, there were a lot of tears flowing. It was a very emotional time.

"The Niatross time trial, to this day I haven't seen anything like it. The emotion was unbelievable. When he hit the wire the crowd erupted. People

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KISSED THE BOYS

Left 3wide,m parked quarter, forced fave back, kept marching, away, wow. Why not right back?

JOHNNY BE ON TIME

Stuck at back, tipped out far turn, failed to advance. Post relief. Nick returns. User.

MUCHO MACHO MAN

Parked turn, tucked, back 1st over last bend, stalled deep in drive. Been giving strong signals. Another must.

LILMESSINAROUND

No hurry leaving, rail rode to lane, stuck in some traffic, had late interest. Undercard price stab.

SPIKELIKE

Rode cones the trip, cleared, urged, no close. Might be a little tighter now. Longshot.

STORMING D ODDS

Left 3wide while very rough, tucked, rough again few spots, tired. Adds fresh Lasix.

HERECOMESTHETHUNDR

Left with many, parked past quarter, grabbed to take back, out again last turn, faded from hard use. Outside again. Luke returns. Player.



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6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	KISSED THE BOYS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	KISSED THE BOYS
Fastest time last race	KISSED THE BOYS
Fastest win time this year	KISSED THE BOYS
Fastest win time last year	MUCHO MACHO MAN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SPIKELIKE
Closed Strongly last race	LILMESSINAROUND
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MUCHO MACHO MAN (B) HERECOMESTHETHUNDR (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	KISSED THE BOYS JOHNNY BE ON TIME
Blocked or in trouble last race	LILMESSINAROUND
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	KISSED THE BOYS

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

were rushing onto the track wanting to touch the horse.

And (Trainer/driver) Clint Galbraith was so generous and so good; he spent a lot extra time on the track making sure people did get to touch Niatross."

Other top races for Becker included Workaholic's win in the first Breeders Crown in 1984, the world-record 1:51.2 dead heat between Jaguar Spur and Laag in 1987, and Trim The Tree's world-record 1:53.3 mile in the rain in 1982. All three were at The Red Mile.

Becker's career in harness racing has also involved owning and breeding horses as well as serving as a pedigree reader for numerous auctions. The 80-year-old remains active as a pedigree reader and still calls races at the fairs.

"I do seven or eight fairs a year now," Becker said. "I do as many as they ask me to do. It's fun. My son Kurt does a few fairs when he's home. Between us we do most of the fairs in the area."

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LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Rode cones, backed up by last turn gapper, solid rally once free. Drops. Adds Steve. Player.

WINDSONG LINDSEY
Grabbed cover near half, followed the fave, tipped 3wide into lane, flattened out. Another dropper. Post relief.

NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Out past half, uncovered balance, kept grinding to save place. Can play again with right trip.

DUET
Followed retaker to get top, blazed pace to lane, faded once passed. Extra time off again.

WINDSUN T BIRD
Looped leaving, tucked, back out past half, advanced to lane, stalled final eighth. Nick's choice over 3 others. Post relief too.

DOUBLE MYSTERY
Away well, easy run to lane, heavy traffic, tough to gauge. Not the worst price stab.

CORDEES FANTASY
Shuffled to last far turn, cleared, kicked wide, solid rally. Another price thought in your gimmicks.

MAGNIFIQUE
Tried to follow winner past half, gapped flow final bend, urged in the lane. Drops. Gerry's choice. Plan?

HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
At the back, failed to make any menacing moves. Segues from claimer. Outside again. Tough spot.

ALONG CAME JANE
Parked turn, yielded to retaker, gapped far turn, urged in the str. drops. James returns. Does have speed.



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7th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	MAGNIFIQUE HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MAGNIFIQUE
Fastest time last race	NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS
Fastest win time this year	HAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
Fastest win time last year	MAGNIFIQUE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Closed Strongly last race	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS CORDEES FANTASY
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	WINDSUN T BIRD (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	WINDSONG LINDSEY
Blocked or in trouble last race	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS DOUBLE MYSTERY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS MAGNIFIQUE

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

Becker's enthusiasm for harness racing has been a key to his success.

"You have to be excited about what you're doing," Becker said. "If you're not excited, it's hard to call races. For two minutes, you have to put something into it. I believe it's always come naturally because I've always felt that way. I've always been excited."

'Blondie' looks to have more fun for Sylvester in 2018

by Ken Weingartner, USTA Media Relations Manager

Chuck Sylvester believes he's got a nice trotter returning from last season in 3-year-old filly Hey Blondie. He's hoping to discover additional nice ones among the six 2-year-olds joining Hey Blondie in his winter stable at Spring Garden Ranch in Florida. That group includes \$240,000 yearling purchase Girl With A Past.

Hey Blondie won five of 13 races and earned \$295,595 last year, ranking No. 3 in purses among all 2-year-old female trotters in North

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DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS

Sent from gate, yielded to winner near quarter, popped pocket late last bend, hung final yards. Drops. Nick's choice. Solid form. Use.

CRUSIN FOR YOU

Shot to top, yielded, tracked balance, stalled bit late. Adds Rene. Post relief noted.

JAZZMANIAN DEVIL

Tracked to midfar turn, followed cover into lane, urged, fair. Dangerous off the class drop alone.

WHY ASK WHY

Out near half around gapper, out again last bend, not a good flow, came wide, solid rally. Better post offers some hope.

SILENT RESCUE

Stuck afar from poor post, failed to make any menacing moves. A likely longshot.

FLY AWAY

Out far turn, covered by fave, good trip, driven, much best of the rest. Plays hard every week. Can't rule out.

PAYDAZE A ROCKIN

Out near half, covered up, solid lead up, some urging, strong. Sharp. Steps up. Adds William.

PANCETTA

1st over far turn, on rim into strong winner, urged, held well. Also in form. Outside post the only downside.



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8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SILENT RESCUE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	FLY AWAY
Fastest time last race	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL
Fastest win time this year	FLY AWAY
Fastest win time last year	DON'T DOUBT THE LAKERS JAZZMANIAN DEVIL
Fastest last '1/4' last race	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL
Closed Strongly last race	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL PAYDAZE A ROCKIN
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL (B) PANCETTA (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	JAZZMANIAN DEVIL

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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America. Her victories included the Kindergarten Series championship and a division of the International Stallion Stakes. Her best win time of 1:53.1, set in her International Stallion triumph at Lexington's Red Mile, was tied for fourth fastest among 2-year-old female trotters.

"She just came back into training," Sylvester said. "If we handle her like last year I think she should have a real nice year.

We let her race from behind and she liked that; she passed horses all the time. When it was right toward the end (of the season) we let her roll and she responded. She's just not a filly that can go to the front and race every week. But I think in spots she'll do fine."

Hey Blondie, who flashed final quarter-mile speed as fast as :26.4, led at the halfway point of a race only three times last season, winning twice. Her loss came in the season-ending Goldsmith Maid, where she went off stride and finished 10th. The race was won by Plunge Blue Chip.

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GOOD CITATIONS

Took out past half, gapped the flow final bend, failed to sustain the bid. Form fair. Inside. Small shot.

GENE EUGENE

Led, brushed back past quarter, attacked, faded from hard use. Drops back down to winning level.

REGINA BEACH

Sent with a few, 1st over on rim, advanced into quick panel, tough to wire. Another dropper in the mix. Adds Mooney.

HOT ON THE PACE

Left alone to top, yielded to pair of quarter movers, chased to lane, urged to save place. Last pair okay. Price stab.

OH YEAH

Led into turn, soon pocket behind winner, chased rest of way, fair return. How ready will he be?

LUMBERJACK WILLIE

Rode cones to far turn, angled wide, no rally in the tuner. Drops a notch. Tighter tonight?

COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS

Out mid turn to top, released 3/8s, snuck out late final bend, urged, up. Good form. Gimmick must.

WHO DAT LOVE

Out past half, bad flow far turn, came wide, solid rally. What's the plan from outside?

FULL MOON RISING

Out near quarter, surged to top, attacked last bend, faded out final sixteenth. Obvious tactical issues.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	REGINA BEACH COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	GENE EUGENE
Fastest time last race	REGINA BEACH
Fastest win time this year	WHO DAT LOVE
Fastest win time last year	LUMBERJACK WILLIE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	WHO DAT LOVE
Closed Strongly last race	HOT ON THE PACE COWBOYS DIRTYBOOTS WHO DAT LOVE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	GENE EUGENE OH YEAH LUMBERJACK WILLIE
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	GOOD CITATIONS (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	WHO DAT LOVE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	WHO DAT LOVE

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

"I didn't have her quite right her last start or she would have had some more money," Sylvester said. "It was my fault. (Plunge Blue Chip) was sharp right then; I don't know if we would have beaten her, but we should have been an easy second."

Hey Blondie is a daughter of Cantab Hall out of Winbak Blondie -- who is a full sister to 2009 Horse of the Year Muscle Hill -- and sold for \$125,000 under the name Whovian Hanover at the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale. Andy McCarthy drove her throughout last year. The filly is owned by Steve Jones, Mary Kinsey Arnold, Paul Bordogna, and David McDuffee.

Last season's group of 2-year-old filly trotters was led by undefeated Dan Patch Award winner Manchego, trained by Jimmy Takter. Other fillies at the top of the division in earnings included Ake Svanstedt's Plunge Blue Chip, Julie Miller's Seviyorum, and Trond Smedshammer's Phaetosive.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BACK STOCK

Led from gate, yielded quarter, right back to top, yielded to winner half, chased, urged to save place. Rail again. One of many.

WINDOW WIPER

1st out coming to half, soon covered up, swung 3wide into lane, some urging, away. Scratched since. Steve returns. Who knows?

CENALTA ARTISTRY

Parked hard eighth plus, marched hard the balance, never an anxious moment. Confidence builder. Post relief. Rene returns.

RUSH AND A BRUSH

Out before half, not a good flow on the rim, no chance. Class relief tonight. Major threat for all.

POORLITTLERICHGIRL

Left well, yielded, popped out past half, sped by leader last turn, shook off stretch attacker, easy late. Sharp. Another gimmick must.

KISS ON THE LIPS

Rode cones the trip, behind last turn gapper, cleared, driven, fair. Drops. Minor post relief noted.

ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN

Out near half, back to rail, inside last turn traffic, cleared, solid rally. What's her plan when the gate springs?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	POORLITTLERICHGIRL
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	POORLITTLERICHGIRL
Fastest time last race	CENALTA ARTISTRY KISS ON THE LIPS
Fastest win time this year	CENALTA ARTISTRY
Fastest win time last year	KISS ON THE LIPS
Fastest last '1/4' last race	WINDOW WIPER
Closed Strongly last race	WINDOW WIPER ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	POORLITTLERICHGIRL (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	CENALTA ARTISTRY
Blocked or in trouble last race	RUSH AND A BRUSH KISS ON THE LIPS
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA ARTISTRY POORLITTLERICHGIRL KISS ON THE LIPS

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 11 News

"If Manchego comes back as good as she was last year, she's going to be tough," Sylvester said. "Ake, I'm sure he'll have his filly right when the time comes. It won't be easy, but we'll pick up some piece and we'll be OK."

Sylvester's group of 2-year-olds is made up of four filly trotters and two colt trotters.

Girl With A Past (Cantab Hall-Shared Past) sold for \$240,000 under the name So Diane Hanover at last year's Standardbred Horse Sale. Her dam was a New Jersey Sire Stakes champion and her family includes millionaires Dejambro and Manofmanymissions.

The remaining fillies in no particular order are Chanel De Vie (Cantab Hall-Lola De Vie), Lollipop Lindy (Cantab Hall-Dana Boko) and Shes A Bronxbomber (Donato Hanover-Housethatruthbuilt). Lola De Vie was an Empire Breeders Classic champion. Housethatruthbuilt was a Dan Patch Award winner and is the dam of three horses to earn six figures, including stakes winners

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

DEWEYDIDDONEGOOD
Out midturn to top, braked, attacked by winner far turn, no resistance, stalled bit late. Usable from the pole.

PL JALAPENO
1st out near half, rimmed balance, flattened bit late. Little post relief. Adds Steve.

ULYSSES BLUE CHIP
1st over half, never covered, kept grinding, driven. Also moves inside. Mooney returns.

HI HO HOUDINI
Sat in whole trip, behind sluggish rival, never clear, useful tuner. Tighter tonight?

CHIP AGAIN
Led into bend, accelerated past half, won in hand, strong. Fast but occasionally iffy. Who knows?

RICHELLU COWBOY
Parked most turn, braked, yielded, angled out for the drive, carried bit wide, broke, hooked wheels, had pace. Luke returns.

ELVIS PACELEY
Sped from gate, yielded, gapped far turn, no late moves. Drops. James choice. Fires out?



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11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	ELVIS PACELEY
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	RICHELLU COWBOY
Fastest time last race	ELVIS PACELEY
Fastest win time this year	CHIP AGAIN
Fastest win time last year	CHIP AGAIN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	ULYSSES BLUE CHIP HI HO HOUDINI CHIP AGAIN
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	DEWEYDIDDONEGOOD CHIP AGAIN
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	RICHELLU COWBOY (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	ULYSSES BLUE CHIP HI HO HOUDINI RICHELLU COWBOY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CHIP AGAIN

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

Real Babe and Murderers Row.

The colts are Gardepat (Father Patrick-My Dream Gar It; original name Patrick's Diamond) and Lucky Weekend (Lucky Chucky - Weekend Vacation). Sylvester trained Lucky Chucky, a two-time Dan Patch Award winner and earner of \$2 million lifetime.

"Right now they're all training and nobody is on the shelf, so that's good," Sylvester said. "We've been in the (2):40s, that's all, which is OK.

"The weather hasn't been very favorable. We've had a lot of rain and we've missed a lot of days. It's just been nice the last 10 days where we've been able to train more consistently. But it seems like no matter what, when it's time to go the good ones will be ready. I'm not one that's going to drop one from (2):40 to (2):25, but if we have good weather and nothing happens we'll be ready whenever the time comes."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

STYLEMASTER

Led from gate, soon 3rd behind top pair, held well till deep in the drive. Should be tighter now. Use.

SECRET CHORD

Sat in whole trip, angled inside trouble thru the lane, cleared breakers, easy. A confidence builder?

KG EXPLORER

Sat in the trip, cleared traffic into lane, some urging. Could be tighter here.

GET DOWN TONIGHT

Cover into far turn, poor flow, swung wide, avoided breakers, urged. Undercard thoughts.

COZ AND EFFECT

Sat in the trip, had some traffic into lane, only fair late stages. Enough class relief to make him dangerous.

HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON

Rode cones, cleared traffic into lane, swung wide, driven, closed okay. Form fair after lay-off. Chip returns.

TWOMICKEYTRIP

Rode cones in return, some urging, just a fair comebacker. Another who could be tighter after the tuner.

BEST DREAM SEEKER

First out well before half, rimmed balance, stalled into the lane. Outside again. Adds Nick for this.



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12th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SECRET CHORD
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SECRET CHORD
Fastest time last race	COZ AND EFFECT
Fastest win time this year	SECRET CHORD
Fastest win time last year	BEST DREAM SEEKER
Fastest last '1/4' last race	HOWTOTRAINURDRAGON
Closed Strongly last race	SECRET CHORD
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	SECRET CHORD GET DOWN TONIGHT COZ AND EFFECT
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SECRET CHORD

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