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RECORD RE-OPENING BY FRANK FRAAS



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Duck Duck Dragon wins first race back after pandemic shutdown

After 52 days with no harness racing in North America, Eldorado Scioto Downs opened with a bang. Chris Page drove Duck Duck Dragon to victory in the first race as Scioto Downs eclipsed the million-dollar mark in wagering for the first time in 100 years.

The final tally was \$1,054,270, which topped the expectations of Senior Vice President for Racing at Eldorado Resorts Joe Morris. "We didn't know what kind of handle to expect on opening night," said Morris. "I was thinking maybe 750 thousand or eight hundred. Gabe (Prewitt) was pretty sure that we would hit the million-dollar mark and we did."

The million-dollar mark was no fluke as the handle grew each night of the opening

weekend, topping out at \$3.4 million dollars. Scioto's million-dollar run ended after 12 straight cards and included a record night on June 4 as they topped the two million dollar mark with \$2,094,711.

Morris credits Eldorado owner Anthony Corona, his staff at Scioto and the Ohio Horsemen for the great start. "I told Anthony that there was a chance we could be the first track to open and he said, "I want to be the first track to open." If you're a racing guy, that's what you want your president to say."

He also gave credit to race secretary Jason Roth and Prewitt with the idea to draw qualifiers with the same condition sheet as the races. That enabled the track to start qualifying on Saturday and start racing the next

Friday making Scioto Downs the first track to open. "We qualified about 700 horses in five days, that might be a new world record."

Ohio horsemen also did their part to get ready to race on short notice. "None of this would have been possible without the horseman" said Morris. "What a great, vibrant, hearty bunch the horsemen are. We rushed into this, we had to wear masks, and we got four inches of rain in a 20-hour period but look at the results. What a team effort."

On the north coast of Ohio, Dave Bianconi the Director of Racing Operations for MGM Northfield Park credited his skeleton crew for being ready to race when they got the green light. "We haven't missed four of five nights here since the 90's. We just don't have an off season. For us to miss a week would be a big deal, let alone two months." Bianconi says to kick it back into gear having to qualifying all the horses was a big undertaking.

In addition to getting the facility ready to race, Bianconi says there were several protocols they had to follow. "We went from a 3-race paddock to a 2-race paddock, everyone - employees and horsemen - had to wear masks. We set up sanitizing stations and had to practice social distancing."

As for the wagering, the momentum created by Scioto Downs and the re-opening of racing was seized by MGM Northfield Park as they handled over four million dollars in the first two nights. That is what Bianconi thought they could do. "It was at the top of my expectations. I thought we might be

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UPCOMING MEETING DATE—3RD QUARTER OHHA BOARD MEETING IS JULY 23, 2020

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able to do two million on the top end. I am extremely pleased the way things have gone on the wagering side, considering there is no one here and it is all off-track wagering.”

Bianconi is hoping with the spotlight solely on Northfield Park, people took notice and will return to wager on the track. “I hope they liked what they saw and what they bet on. The fact that you can always watch us on our website without paying and having to search for the races. That with good racing and big payoffs will help people come back.”

Morris is on the same page and thinks this is just the beginning. “Even after the first days, I don’t understand why the handle is not higher.”

According to Morris the average handle at Scioto Downs last year was in the mid \$200 thousand dollar range a day and he thinks it should be about five to six hundred thousand dollars a day.

Morris thinks freshening up the gambling menu to include more options should help. Scioto Downs has added a low takeout pick 5, a late daily double, another pick four and a pick six with a carry over. “We wanted to give the gamblers what they are looking for. Its vibrant and based on the handle, they liked it” said Morris.

Morris says it is a true partnership between the track, the horsemen, drivers, trainers and owners, and the gamblers.

“I would put the quality of Ohio horses up against anywhere. I’m guessing we just haven’t done a very good job of positioning in the industry. We - the track, not the horsemen - have let it get stale and we have to bring it back to life.”



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CALENDAR

JULY 23RD

3rd Quarter Board Meeting
Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association
OHHA Office, 2237 Sonora Dr., Grove City, OH

OCTOBER 22ND

4th Quarter Board Meeting
Ohio Harness Horsemen’s Association
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RACING SCHEDULE

MGM Northfield Park
Current through December 30

Eldorado Scioto Downs
Current through September 5

Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway
September 8 - December 30

NEXT GENERATION DRAWING HELD

The Next Generation Stakes for Ohio Sired 2-year-old pacers scheduled for July 4th at Eldorado Scioto Downs has its participating owners.

The drawing, originally scheduled for Scioto’s opening weekend, May 9, was postponed due to the delay in the start of the season. It was held May 23rd, the first Saturday night of racing.

More than nine participants paid the \$ 10,000 nomination fee which resulted in the drawing.

The winners of the colt draw are: Black Magic Racing, Bluestreak Boys Stable, Weaver Bruscelli, Trish Foulk, Daniel Hale, LeVan Stable, Dana Parham, Matt Rowe and TheStable.ca.

The winners of the filly draw are: Alagna/Bell/Ruggles, Weaver Bruscelli, Frank Chick, Trish Foulk, William Hart, Dana Parham, Matt Rowe, Spring Haven Farm and TheStable.ca.

Nominators were not required to designate a horse when the nomination fee was paid. Horses will be named at the time of the entry. Owners of the entries may trade, sell or giveaway until the time of declaration for the event.

Be There!

BY ROGER E. HUSTON

The last two and a half months is something we never dreamed of experiencing. It has been filled with so many changes in the way we live our daily lives and the way we provide and interact with our loved ones. I doubt we will ever return to the normal that we were familiar with. The future will be a new normal in the years to come.

We all have different circumstances, but we are in the same boat. Uncertainty grew with every passing day. As the calendar turned its pages there was more uncertainty, including the economic pressure of keeping our beloved animals in top condition.

This is my story. I would wake up each morning with a panic attack; at times breaking out in a cold sweat wondering what the day holds. When I would get up and begin daily work the panic would subside. Work would continue with numerous Top Of The Stretch podcast on a variety of subjects. Thanks to everyone, the trainers, the drivers, veterinarians and a blacksmith from the Amish community, that told their tales of how they were dealing with Covid-19 and its daily effects on us all.

The frustration of not knowing what the future holds is mind boggling. There were challenges dealing with those that thought some were dragging their feet in getting a plan to return to racing, all the while knowing how hard others were working for a safe return. There were days with two or three meetings a day, many of them going well into the night.

Finally, word came from the Ohio State Racing Commission that under strict protocols we could return to racing. The return would be without fans and all horses would have to qualify. Days of qualifiers

at Eldorado Scioto Downs, MGM Northfield Park and even at the Delaware and Warren County Fair Grounds. With that accomplished, racing was ready to return to the Buckeye State.

Hopefully in the not-too-distant future, spectators will be able to return to watch live harness racing. In the days to follow, Indiana, New York, Illinois, New Jersey and Maryland will return to racing. Racing plans are in the works for county fairs, but many will be without fans as well. Fans may be able to return in late summer and early fall.

In the last eight weeks I have been sheltered at home with trips to the grocery store, carryout food establishments, the drug store, and the mailbox. I have been able to visit my sister in Jamestown for a haircut, to my family in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania for another haircut, and a trip to the Urbana fairgrounds for their matinee racing program. I still work from home as I am in the at-risk group, being 77 years young. For someone who has spent vacation days traveling the world calling races, sheltering at home has me climbing the walls. I was sure that I had put on weight but my latest meeting with the scales showed only a two-pound gain.

Truthfully, I am sick and tired of being sheltered and protected. I, like everyone else my age, want to live a normal life. I will take the precautions of wearing a mask, social distancing, gloves and hand wipes. But I want and need to be free. Be There!



CHARITY TO ASSIST INJURED DRIVERS

BY FRANK FRAAS

For Northfield Park trainer Bill Rhoades, hearing there has been a crash on the track puts a lump in his throat.

Earlier this year, Rhoades experienced that feeling when his mare My Three Girls was involved in a crash that sent driver Aaron Merriman to the hospital.

Rhoades had the feeling again on opening night when racing resumed at Northfield Park and a four-horse accident injured drivers Tony Hall and Hunter Meyers. The two will be out for a significant period recovering from their injuries.

Rhoades and his wife, Dr. Leah Rhoades, DVM, are creating Helping Hooves Driver Relief Fund. "The crash with Tony and Hunter spurred this on. Tony is a friend and Hunter is part of the driver colony at Northfield," said Rhoades.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 dollars, purchase a horse and use the winnings to create a fund to assist the drivers while they are recovering.

"The legalities are still being worked out. We are setting it up as a 501 C-3 so people that contribute will be able to get a tax deduction." Dr. Rhoades will serve as president of the charity with Randy Ringer serving as secretary and Craig Stein as treasurer.

Rhoades says the response has been tremendous. "I am sure we will be well over ten thousand dollars. I have had great support from my owners and from outside trainers and drivers. We have gotten a lot of good feedback and people are pretty receptive to it." He says any money raised over ten thousand dollars will go directly into the fund.

Rhoades says they are not sure if they will claim a horse or buy one. He has been talking to owners about horses they might have for sale.

All winnings earned will go into the fund, and Rhoades says Rhoades Racing will pay for everything else. "All expenses will be at

my costs. I will pay for the care, feeding and vet bills."

Rhoades would like to extend the fund to drivers affected anywhere in the United States. "This is a new concept. My hope is to have other trainers around the country follow suit and we can expand the fund to help other horsemen, like trainers and grooms that are injured on the job or for other issues affecting horsemen."

Rhoades feels it is important for everyone to look out for each other and in their current position, he and his wife can help people. "I'm a very giving person. I would make the worse short-term billionaire as I would give all my money away." Rhoades says he is trying to recreate the feeling he had growing up. "When I was a kid, the backside at the fairs was like a family gathering. Now it is competitive. It's not the same feeling. Everything I'm doing is trying to recreate the memories I had as a kid."

A MARCH THROUGH TIMES... By Thom Pye

It was a lifetime ago that one of most feared diseases in America and Ohio forced the last shutdown of our county fairs.

The medical name for it was poliomyelitis – polio for short – and for a while it was called “infantile paralysis” because so many young people caught the crippling and potentially fatal virus, but it was not restricted just to youth.

While COVID 19 attacks the weak and the elderly through air droplets, polio entered the system by way of oral and nasal secretions, as well as contact with fecal matter from contaminated water during the hot summer months.

It was mistakenly believed that the bug was spread by houseflies even after the three different polio viruses were identified in 1908. One of the efforts to contain the spread was a massive spraying of the now banned insecticide DDT.

There had been epidemics in the U.S. in 1894 and 1916, and 1949 polio again ran rampant throughout the country. Darke and Mercer Counties in western Ohio were hard hit in July of that year. Public swimming pools, movie theaters, church services, and funerals were shut down. Kids were restricted to their own backyards and told not to jump in puddles or share a friend’s ice cream cone with a cautionary threat of “do you want to end up in an iron lung?”

The most serious of the paralysis victims were placed in the iron lung, also known as a Drinker tank, for the disease would be fatal without the assistance of the breathing machine. The virus entered the bloodstream by way of the stomach and attacked nerve cells, causing a complete paralysis which sometimes left people unable to focus their eyes. Others were permanently disabled for life.

So in the hot dog days of August, 1949 - when the risk of infection was at its highest – Darke, Mercer and several other counties near Toledo begrudgingly cancelled their fairs and events that had run continuously since being interrupted by America’s Civil War years.

The epidemic of 1949, where the United States reported about 40,000 polio cases, eased with the cooling weather of autumn, and the fairs renewed the next year.

Another epidemic caused Wayne County in northeast Ohio to cancel their 1952 fair, but it rebounded stronger and better.

In 1954, American parents brought over 2 million of their children for the largest public-health experiment in our history: the Salk polio-vaccine trials. It was held by the March of Dimes (founded in 1938 by FDR)

with almost no government oversight. That was the miracle everyone had been praying for and every kid who received that shot in the arm would proudly display the small scar it left. As a result, polio was eradicated in the U.S. and Canada by the 1970s. It had been reduced by 98% throughout the world by 2019.



This iron lung was donated to the CDC by the family of Barton Hebert of Covington, Louisiana, who had used the device from the late 1950s until his death in 2003

It was “the red badge of courage” in its day and showed what dedicated people – both young and old – can and will do as a community, a state, and a nation to help us through the most trying of times.

Because our lives - and our fairs – will return us to normal once again.



OHIO FAIR RACING CALENDAR JUNE

Paulding County
June 16th & 17th

Pickaway County
June 20th & 21st

Putnam County
June 23rd & 24th

Marion County
June 29th & June 30th

Foreign **INVASION** By Frank Fraas

With the resumption of racing, qualifiers were held across the state to get horses eligible to race. Qualifiers were held at MGM Northfield Park, Eldorado Scioto Downs, the Delaware County Fairgrounds, and the Warren County Fairgrounds. At Northfield, it was not the Beatles, but another type of British invasion.

The Burke Racing Stable sent six horses: four geldings and two fillies, to Northfield on May 28 to qualify. The geldings were Father Ted GB, Itsmycheck GB, Oakwoodnitownit IR, and Portrstownchris IR, The mares are Greenhill Hanover and Greenhilldebatable.

How the horses arrived in the United States is a story that started at the Little Brown Jug. "Mark Weaver and Derek Delany of Oakwood Stud in Ireland met, and a personal relationship turned into a business relationship" said Mickey Burke.

The horses were shipped from Europe to Canada, where they were quarantined. The geldings arrived from Canada in mid-January. The mares' quarantine was two weeks longer, so they did not arrive until February.

All six showed well in their United States debut, as each one won its qualifying race.

Burke has been pleased with the way the horses have adapted to their training styles. He says the two horses that stand out are Oakwoodnitownit IR, who won its qualifier

in 1:55 and Itsmycheck GB, which was a winner in 1:55.2. "From the beginning they have impressed us with their abilities, but there is still a lot to be determined. They've shown us enough that we think they have some real talent."

Oakwoodnitownit IR, the British Harness Racing Club 2018 Two-year-old Colt of the Year, made 14 starts last year, winning seven and finishing second or third six other times. Burke says they are a little prejudice to Oakwoodnitownit IR since they bred and trained his sire Foreclosure N. "We really like this horse. He has shown he likes to go and wants to roll. He is very willing and has some speed."

Itsmycheck GB has made 56 career starts, hitting the board 36 times with 14 wins.

Father Ted GB had the best time in the Northfield qualifiers for the Burke Brigade, finishing in 1:54.3. As he has trained, Burke says he has improved. "We have trained the four geldings together and when we started with Father Ted GB, he was an OK horse. As we have gotten the weight off him, he has really improved."

Portrstownchris IR has taken a little longer to get up to speed. "He has had a big break since the last he worked so he took a little longer to get with the program. As he has come along, he is very willing and wants to roll on."



Its My Check GB

When the fillies arrived, Burke says they were not into training. "That might have been due to the extra two weeks they spent in Canada. Since then they have come along, and we think they are going to be a nice set of mares."

Greenhill Hanover has eight wins in 35 lifetime starts, while Greenhilldebatable has hit the board in 37 of 52 lifetime starts, winning six.

Burke says it was a good move to go over and purchase these horses and bring them to the states. In the first six starts, they have produced five wins and one second place.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio Fair Racing

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MILLION DOLLAR MAN

When My Hero Ron hits the track, his trainer says one thing is clear, the other horses better be ready for a battle.

Dan Dubeansky has been training My Hero Ron for about four years, picking up the horse in the middle of his four-year-old campaign. "He is a blue-collar workhorse; he packs his lunch pail and goes to work. He might not be the best in the field, but you have to work to beat him."

My Hero Ron (Well Said – Erma La Em – Cam's Card Shark) topped the million-dollar mark last month, when he finished third in an open event at Eldorado Scioto Downs. In 2020, Ron has hit the board in 11 of 13 races, winning four times and finishing third seven times. In his career, Ron has won 37 times in 108 career starts and his earnings now sits at \$1,001,823.

Dubeansky credits the horse for taking care of himself. "He's a real athlete, the soundest horse I have ever known. He has legs like a three-year-old. I don't pay more than \$ 1,000 in vet bills a year for him."

My Hero Ron is now owned by Brian Witt of Cedarville, Ohio. His biggest year was as a three-year-old when he earned \$387,004



My Hero Ron with Tyler Smith wins at Miami Valley

finishing second in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and third in the Little Brown Jug.

Dubeansky says Ron is as good now as he has ever been. He went 1:50 earlier this year, just fractions off his lifetime best of 1:49.2 set as a three-year-old.

"It's nice to be associated with an animal of this caliber," said Dubeansky. "I am lucky to have him. He makes you look good."

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENED

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association has extended the deadline for applications for the 2020 Scholarship program.

The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and students enrolled in degree or certificate programs. Graduate students are not eligible unless they are enrolled in a harness racing specific graduate or professional level program and provide complete details regarding the harness racing specific graduate or professional level program in conjunction with their application.

Scholarships will be awarded on academic merit and financial need and must be used towards the cost and expenses directly related to coursework and a degree being pursued at a college or university.

Completed applications must be postmarked by July 10, 2020 to be considered.

Application and requirements are available on the OHHA website. <https://www.ohha.com/assets/2020-ohha-scholarship-application.pdf>.

The announcement of 2020 OHHA Scholarship recipients will be made August 3, 2020.

Ohio Breeders Award Requirements

Mares registered in 2016 (Foals of 2017) mare registration date 12/31/16

Foal Age Membership Requirement

Bred 2016 Grace Period, No Membership Required
Foal Born 2017 No Membership Required
Yearling 2018 No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2019, 2020 Membership Required

Mares registered in 2017 (Foals of 2018) mare registration date 12/31/17

Foal Age Membership Requirement

Bred 2017 Membership Required
Foal Born 2018 Membership Required
Yearling 2019 No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2020, 2021 Membership Required

Mares registered in 2018 (Foals of 2019) mare registration date 11/30/18

Foal Age Membership Requirement

Bred 2018 No Membership Required
Foal Born 2019 Membership Required
Yearling 2020 No Membership Required
2 & 3-Year-Old 2021, 2022 No Membership Required

Mares registered in 2019 (Foals of 2020) mare registration date 11/30/19

Registrations received from 12-1-19 to 12-30-19 must be accompanied by a \$100 per-mare late fee in addition to mare registration fee.

Foal Age Membership Requirement

Foal Born 2020 Membership Required

Registration Fee: \$20 per mare

Membership Requirements: All owners of the mare (including those in businesses or stables) are required to join as Active OHHA Members. All business entities or stables listed as owners are required to join as Associate Members.

Mare Residency: Mare must be Ohio resident, foal in Ohio and remain in Ohio for 187 consecutive days.



OHIO SIRE STAKES AND BUCKEYES STALLION SERIES RESCHEDULED



With the resumption of racing in Ohio, changes have been made to the schedule for the Ohio Sire Stakes and the Buckeye Stallion Series.

The first legs of the OSS were originally scheduled for May 1 and 3 at Miami Valley Raceway but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The revised schedule is as follows:

- June 12: 3-Year-Old Pacing & Trotting Fillies-Leg 1-Scioto Downs
- June 13: 3-Year-Old Pacing & Trotting Colts-Leg 1-Northfield Park
- June 26: 3-Year-Old Pacing & Trotting Colts-Leg 2-Scioto Downs
- June 27: 3-Year-Old Pacing & Trotting Fillies-Leg 2-Northfield Park
- July 11: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts-Leg-3 Scioto Downs

The reminder of the original schedule for 3-year-olds remained unchanged:

- July 4: 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies-Leg 3-Scioto Downs
- July 10: 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies-Leg 3-Northfield Park
- July 18: 3-year-Old Pacing Colts-Leg 3-Scioto Downs
- August 14: 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies-Leg 4-Scioto Downs
- August 15: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts & Pacing Fillies-Leg 4-Northfield Park

- August 22: 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts-Leg 4-Northfield Park

The first leg of the BSS 3-year-old colt trot and pace was originally scheduled for May 2nd at Miami Valley Raceway.

The revised schedule is as follows:

- June 15: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts-Leg 1-Northfield Park
- June 16: 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts and Fillies-Leg 1-Scioto Downs
- June 20: 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies-Leg 1-Northfield Park
- June 30: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts-Leg 2-Scioto Downs
- July 1: 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies-Leg 2-Scioto Downs
- July 6: 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies-Leg 2-Northfield Park
- July 8: 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts-Leg 2-Scioto Downs
- July 14: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts and Fillies-Leg 3-Scioto Downs
- July 17: 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies-Leg 3-Scioto Downs

The reminder of the original schedule for 3-year-olds remained unchanged:

- July 20: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts-Leg 3-Northfield Park
- August 18: 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies-Leg 4-Scioto Downs
- August 19: 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies-Leg 4-Northfield Park
- August 25: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts-Leg 4-Scioto Downs
- August 29: 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts-Leg-4-Scioto Downs
- September 20: 3-Year-Old Trotting Colts and Fillies-Leg 5-Delaware
- September 21: 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts-Leg 5-Delaware
- September 24: 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies-Leg 5-Delaware

The schedule for two-year-olds in both the Ohio Sire Stakes and Buckeye Stallion Series remains the same.

Finals for the Ohio Sire Stakes are scheduled for September 5 at Eldorado Scioto Downs and the Buckeye Stallion Series Finals are scheduled for October 3 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway.

Groom Award

This month's outstanding groom awards go to Stacy Ann Beckley and Mile Polhamus II

Beckley has been a groom for brother-in-law Brian Brown for two years. Prior to that she trained for about 20 years. "I've done this my whole life," said Beckley. She says she enjoys dealing with the horses' personalities, "but some can be very trying." Currently Beckley is caring for seven horses.

Polhamus grew up in a horse racing family and has been involved with horses his entire life. He is responsible for shipping the horses for racing as well as ordering and hauling feed, hay, and sawdust. "I enjoy taking care of the horses, especially when they go to the races," said Polhamus.



Mike Polhamus II



Stacy Ann Beckley with Stanford Court

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TRACK NOTES

Drivers Tony Hall and Hunter Myers are recovering from injuries suffered in a crash at MGM Northfield Park on opening night. The two were injured after a four-horse crash. Hall suffered broken ribs, a punctured lung, and back injuries. Meyers broke his jaw. Both drivers will be sidelined for an extended period.



Photo: Chris Gooden

Tony Hall



Photo: Raymond K. Lance

Hunter Myers



Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Ronnie Wrenn Jr. found the winners circle 15 times over two days to start the month of June. Wrenn won eight times on June 1st and followed it up with seven more the following night, for a 50%-win rate over the two nights.

Majestic Player A with Brett Miller for Walter Haynes made it six straight wins with a 1:52.3 victory in the open trot at Eldorado Scioto Downs on June 5th. The six-year-old gelding by Majestic Son out

of Another Player has earned \$71,750 this year for owner Jeff Fought Racing, Brian Carsey and Casey Meyers. He dominated after being hung the final 5/8's, Brett Miller made a monstrous three wide move at the three-quarter mark to win by a length.



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Majestic Player A



Photo: Brad Conrad

Kyle Ater drove Sandy's Victory to the win at Eldorado Scioto Downs on June 2nd.

Sandy's Victory was a winner at Scioto Downs on June 2nd. It might be the mare's last win. Sandy's Victory is in foal to What The Hill. Sandy's Victory is owned by Dan Ater and trained by Kyle Ater.

Congratulations to the OHHA's own Roger Huston. He has been named the 2019 recipient of the United States Harness Writers Association Keystone Chapter's Mary Lib Miller Award. It is the highest honor awarded by the chapter.



MGM Northfield Park has announced the cancellation of the Battle of Lake Erie and the Cleveland Trotting Classic. Director of Racing Operations for MGM Dave Bianconi says a couple of factors went into the cancellations. "The races were coming up quickly and hardly anyone had raced so I'm not sure who I would have invited. Plus, the purse money at this point in time would be better used for the local drivers in the overnight events."

Eldorado Scioto Downs has announced the cancellation of the Jim Ewart Memorial and the Charlie Hill Memorial. It was decided to keep overnight purses competitive to 2019 levels for Ohio horsemen.

The Midwest Mixed Sale scheduled for June 22nd in Shipshewana, Indiana has been cancelled due to a lack of entries. The next sales will be the annual November Midwest Mixed Sale on November 24th.





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MGM NORTHFIELD PARK

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Post Times and Special Events

Post Time 6:00 PM

- August 15 - \$400,000 Carl Milstein Memorial
- October 10 - \$300,000 Ohio Fair Championships
- October 17 - \$125,000 Courageous Lady & \$600,000 OSS Consolations

ELDORADO SCIOTO DOWNS

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Post Times and Special Events

Post Time Tue 2:00 PM

Post Time Wed - Sat 6:30 PM

Post Time July 4, 2020 2:00 PM

- July 4 - \$150,000 The Next Generation
- August 29 - OHHA Charity Night
- September 5 - \$300,000 Ohio Sire Stakes Championships