



# TIOGA DOWNS

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## About Tioga Downs

In the heart of New York State's Southern Tier, Tioga Downs Casino Resort originated in 1974 as a quarter horse racetrack known as Tioga Park. The track was revived and refinished in 2006 to become the 5/8-mile harness racetrack we know today as Tioga Downs Casino Resort. Tioga Downs features some of the top harness stakes races in the country, including the Grand Circuit Tompkins-Geers Stakes, the Empire Breeders Classics for New York-sired three-year-olds, the Roll With Joe and Artiscape for top pacers across North America, and the Crawford Farms and Joie de Vie Farms trotting events. From May to September, you can listen to the beat of the horses with live harness racing and enjoy year-round simulcasting featuring the top Thoroughbred and harness tracks from all over North America. Combine that with a full casino, promotions, good food and drink, and top-name entertainment, Tioga Downs Casino Resort is a great place to have fun at an affordable price.

### Tioga Downs Quick Facts

**Track circumference:** 5/8 mile

**Stretch length:** 540'

**Distance to first turn (1 mile races):** 450'

**First-row starters:** 9

**Open stretch:** No

**Takeout rates:** Win, place, and show: 15%.  
Exacta and double: 17%. All others: 21%.

### Casino Quick Facts

**Slots:** 943

**Table games:** Poker, blackjack, roulette, craps

**Denominations:** From 1¢ to \$5.00

**Minimum age to play:** 21

# 2018 Racing Schedule

## May

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6				11	12
13				18	19
20				25	26
27					

## June

				1	2
3				8	9
10				15	16
17				22	23
24				29	30

## July

1			4		7
8				13	14
15				20	21
22				27	
29					

## August

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5				10	11
12				17	18
19				24	25
26				31	

## September

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	3			7	8
				14	15
				21	22

## 2018 Tioga Downs Stakes Schedule

(stakes dates highlighted in schedule at left)

- Sun., June 3 NY Sire Stakes – 3yo Filly Pace  
 Sun., June 10 Graduate Leg #3 – 4yo Trot  
 Graduate Leg #3 – 4yo Pace  
 NY Sire Stakes – 3yo C&G Pace  
 Fri., June 15 NY Sire Stakes – 3yo C&G Trot  
 Sun., June 24 NY Sire Stakes – 3yo Filly Trot  
 Fri., June 29 Geers Stakes – 3yo C&G Pace  
 Geers Stakes – 3yo Filly Pace  
 Sun., July 15 NY Sire Stakes – 2yo Filly Pace  
 Fri., July 20 NY Sire Stakes – 2yo C&G Trot  
 Sun., July 29 NY Sire Stakes – 2yo C&G Pace  
 Fri., Aug. 3 NY Sire Stakes – 2yo Filly Trot  
 Fri., Aug. 10 Arthur Tompkins – 2yo C&G Trot  
 Arthur Tompkins – 2yo Filly Trot  
 Geers Stakes – 2yo C&G Pace  
 Geers Stakes – 2yo Filly Pace  
 Sun., Aug. 12 Crawford Farms – FFA Trot  
 Joie de Vie – Mares Trot  
 Empire Breeders (Eliminations) –  
 NY-sired 3yo C&G Pace;  
 NY-sired 3yo Filly Pace  
 Sun., Aug. 19 Miss Versatility Leg #3 – Mares Trot  
 Roll With Joe – FFA Pace  
 Artiscape – Mares Pace  
 Empire Breeders (Final) –  
 NY-sired 3yo C&G Pace;  
 NY-sired 3yo Filly Pace  
 Sun., Aug. 26 W. N. Reynolds – All 2yo Divisions  
 Fri., Sept. 7 Miss Versatility Leg #4 – Mares Trot  
 Fri., Sept. 14 Kindergarten Classic Leg #3 –  
 All 2yo Divisions

## Post Times

Nightly post time is **6:15 p.m.** except:

- Saturday, May 5 (Opening Night) – 5:00 p.m.
- Sundays (except May 27) – 1:00 p.m.
- July 4, September 3 (Labor Day) – 1:00 p.m.

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# Roll With Joe • Free-For-All Pace

The Roll With Joe features top pacers from across North America on an annual basis, and has produced fast miles ever since Shark Gesture took the inaugural event (then known as the Bettor's Delight) in 1:48.3 in 2010. The ninth renewal, scheduled to be the anchor of a blockbuster stakes program on August 19, will again see the fastest pacers converge on the Southern Tier.

## 2017 Roll With Joe Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

Dealt A Winner (\$72.50) sprung a major upset as the longest shot on the board in the 2017 Roll With Joe, defeating 2016 Confederation Cup champion Rockin Ron in 1:47.4 on Sunday, August 20, 2017. After landing in mid-division on approach to the first turn and stalking Sunfire Blue Chip's :26.1 first quarter from five lengths adrift, David Miller angled the five-year-old Cams



Card Shark gelding second-over behind the cover of favorite Wakizashi Hanover on approach to the clubhouse turn. As Wakizashi Hanover pressed Rockin Ron – who worked clear with a circuit to go – to a :26.3 third split, Dealt A Winner was towed into striking range, mounting his three-wide push on the far turn.

As Wakizashi Hanover faded off the home turn, Dealt A Winner found more – working to the lead with fifty yards to go and drawing away by 1-1/2 lengths. Rockin Ron protected second, and Sunfire Blue Chip stayed on for third after yielding to the pocket in the early development of the race.

Mark Silva trains Dealt A Winner for owner Jeffrey Snyder. The win was David Miller's third in the Roll With Joe after his 2013 victory aboard Pet Rock and his 1:47.2 stakes-record win with State Treasurer in 2015.

## Roll With Joe • Past Winners

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse/Margin
2017	Dealt A Winner Rockin Ron Sunfire Blue Chip	David Miller Yannick Gingras Mark MacDonald	Mark Silva Ron Burke Jimmy Takter	1:47.4	\$163,000 1-1/2, 3/4
2016	Rockeyed Optimist All Bets Off State Treasurer	Brett Miller Matt Kakaley David Miller	Steve Elliott Ron Burke Dr. Ian Moore	1:49.2	\$179,000 1-1/4, 3/4
<b>2015</b>	<b>State Treasurer</b> Clear Vision Foiled Again	David Miller Brett Miller Yannick Gingras	Dr. Ian Moore Ron Burke Ron Burke	<b>1:47.2</b>	\$150,000 3-3/4, 1-1/4
2014	Sweet Lou Heston Blue Chip Bolt the Duer	Ron Pierce Tim Tetrick Mark MacDonald	Ron Burke Linda Toscano Peter Foley	1:48.3	\$160,000 1-3/4, 3/4
2013	Pet Rock Foiled Again Rockincam	David Miller Matt Kakaley Brian Sears	Virgil Morgan Jr. Ron Burke Richard Norman	1:48.1	\$184,000 1, 3/4
2012	Clear Vision Foiled Again Bettor Sweet	Matt Kakaley Yannick Gingras John Campbell	Ron Burke Ron Burke Tom Cancelliere	1:48.2	\$182,000 ns, nk
2011	Bettor Sweet We Will See Giddy Up Lucky	Daniel Dubé Ron Pierce Eric Goodell	Tom Cancelliere Sam DePinto Josh Green	1:48.1	\$208,000 3/4, 1-1/2
2010	Shark Gesture Hypnotic Blue Chip Won The West	George Brennan Jody Jamieson David Miller	Larry Remmen Kevin McDermott Ron Burke	1:48.3	\$228,000 nk, 1/2

# Artiscape • 2017 Recap

The Artiscape for distaff pacers returned to Tioga Downs in 2016 after a two-year stint at Tioga's sister track Vernon Downs. In 2018, the Artiscape will serve as a co-featured event on the blockbuster August 19 program.

## 2017 Artiscape Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

Pure Country won the Artiscape on Sunday, August 27, 2017, going gate-to-wire in 1:50.1 over Frost Damage Blues and Nike Franco N.

Going unchallenged through splits of :26.4 and :55.1, 6-5 favorite Nike Franco N provided the lone challenge at the pacesetter moving past three-quarters in 1:22.1 before stalling at the top of the stretch while Frost Damage Blues rallied up the rail. Pure Country held a 1-3/4 length lead on Frost Damage Blues at the line.



A four-year-old mare by Somebeachsomewhere from the Western Hanover mare Western Montana, Pure Country, racing for owner Diamond Creek Racing LLC, won her 22nd race of 39 starts and increased her career earnings to \$2,155,491. Trained by Jimmy Takter and driven by Mark MacDonald, she paid \$8.60 to win.

## Artiscape • Past Winners

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse
2017	Pure Country Frost Damage Blues Nike Franco N	Mark MacDonald Corey Callahan Tim Tetrick	Jimmy Takter Tom Fanning Jim King Jr.	1:50.1	\$158,000 1-3/4, hd
2016	Solar Sister Lady Shadow Devil Child	Doug McNair Yannick Gingras David Miller	Gregg McNair Ron Adams Chris Oakes	1:49.4	\$200,000 1-1/4, 3-1/4
2015*	Venus Delight Radar Contact Anndrovette	Jason Bartlett Scott Zeron Tim Tetrick	Jeffrey Bamond Jr. Noel Daley Jeffrey Bamond Jr.	1:49.4	\$194,000 1, nk
2014*	Rocklamation Somewherovrarinbow Shelliscape	Yannick Gingras David Miller John Campbell	Ron Burke Joe Holloway PJ Fraley	1:50.2	\$178,000 3, nk
<b>2013</b>	<b>Camille</b> Rocklamation Anndrovette	Matt Kakaley Yannick Gingras Tim Tetrick	Ron Burke Ron Burke PJ Fraley	<b>1:48.3</b>	\$158,000 1/2, 3/4
2012	Dreamfair Eternal Rocklamation Drop the Ball	Jody Jamieson Ron Pierce Yannick Gingras	Pat Fletcher Ron Burke Ross Croghan	1:49	\$184,000 1, 2-1/4
2011	Anndrovette Ticket to Rock Laughandbehappy	George Brennan Jody Jamieson David Miller	Mark Kesmodel Ross Croghan Ross Croghan	1:49.4	\$178,000 1-1/2, 2-1/4
2010	Dreamfair Eternal Chancey Lady Shanghai Lil	Tony Kerwood George Brennan Stephane Boucard	Pat Fletcher Mark Kesmodel Mark Ford	1:49.4	\$160,000 1-1/2, 2-1/4
2009	Tug River Princess Southwind Tempo Darlin's Delight	Eric Goodell Tim Tetrick Yannick Gingras	Ross Croghan Ross Croghan Jeffrey Stafford	1:52.1	\$127,000 1/2, hd
2008*	My Little Dragon	Brian Sears	Noel Daley	1:49.4	\$123,500
2007*	Armbro Dancer	Ron Pierce	Jimmy Takter	1:50.1	\$124,000
2006*	Easton Alliance N	Cat Manzi	Ross Croghan	1:51	\$ 83,500

\*raced at Vernon Downs

# Crawford Farms • Free-For-All Trot

Top older trotters converge on the Southern Tier in the **Crawford Farms** Trot, which relocated to Tioga Downs last season following a long tenure at sister track Vernon Downs. Obrigado, 2016 Dan Patch Award winner, captured the final two upstate editions before (clause). The 2018 Crawford Farms Trot and its companion event for distaffers, the Joie de Vie Farms, share top billing on Sunday, August 12.

## 2017 Crawford Farms Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

Hans Enggren's Resolve powered first-over toward pacesetter Crazy Wow in the \$170,000 Crawford Farms Trot, taking the lead into the stretch and holding off a late rally from Cufflink Hanover to win in 1:51.4 as the even-money favorite.



Getting away fourth through a :27 quarter, trainer-driver Åke Svanstedt tipped Resolve wide moving into the second turn, beginning his bid toward Crazy Wow through a :56.1 half. Matching strides with the leader through three-quarters in 1:23.2, Resolve took control at the head of the stretch, holding a 1-1/2 length advantage on Cufflink Hanover, who closed from off

cover to take second. Flanagan Memory rallied up the rail for third and Marion Marauder came from off cover to finish fourth.

Winning for the 18th time in 61 starts and earning \$2,743,033, Resolve, a six-year-old son of Muscle Hill from the Credit Winner mare Anikawieshalee, returned \$4.00 to win.

## Crawford Farms • Past Winners

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse/Margin
2017	Resolve Cufflink Hanover Flanagan Memory	Åke Svanstedt Corey Callahan Brian Sears	Åke Svanstedt John Butenschoen Rene Dion	1:51.4	\$170,000 1-1/2, 3/4
2016	Obrigado Resolve Flanagan Memory	Mark MacDonald Åke Svanstedt Brian Sears	Paul Kelley Åke Svanstedt Rene Dion	1:51.2	\$193,000 nk, nk
2015	Obrigado Lindy's Tru Grit Melady's Monet	Mark MacDonald Andy Miller Jason Bartlett	Paul Kelley Julie Miller Kevin McDermott	1:52	\$200,000 nk, nk
2014	Sebastian K S Archangel Market Share	Åke Svanstedt Yannick Gingras Tim Tetrick	Åke Svanstedt Ron Burke Linda Toscano	1:53	\$236,000 2, 1-1/2
<b>2013</b>	<b>Intimidate</b> Sevruga Mister Herbie	Ron Pierce Andy Miller Jody Jamieson	Luc Blais Julie Miller Jeff Gillis	<b>1:51</b>	\$214,000 1/2, 3/4
2012	Hot Shot Blue Chip Chapter Seven Arch Madness	Corey Callahan Tim Tetrick T. Smedshammer	Jonas Czernyson Linda Toscano T. Smedshammer	1:51.2	\$200,000 hd, 3/4
<b>2011</b>	<b>San Pail</b> Lucky Jim Il Villaggio	Randy Waples Tim Tetrick Jody Jamieson	Rod Hughes Erv Miller Blair Burgess	<b>1:51</b>	\$218,000 nk, 2-1/4
2010	Lucky Jim Buck I St Pat Hot Shot Blue Chip	Andy Miller Tim Tetrick David Miller	Julie Miller Ron Burke Jonas Czernyson	1:52	\$195,000 1, 1/2
2009	Arch Madness Four Starz Speed Lanson	T. Smedshammer Yannick Gingras Michel Lachance	T. Smedshammer Ron Burke Don Swick	1:52.4	\$187,000 1-1/2, 1
2008	American Lane	Cat Manzi	Carl Cito Jr.	1:54	\$137,000
2007	Vivid Photo	Roger Hammer	Roger Hammer	1:52.1	\$154,000

## Joie de Vie Farms • Mares Trot

After a storied history at Vernon Downs as the Conway Hall and later the Muscle Hill, the Joie de Vie Farms for distaff trotters made its Tioga Downs debut in August of 2017. Once again, top trotting mares will converge on the Southern Tier alongside the Crawford Farms Open Trot on August 12, 2018.

### 2017 Joie de Vie Farms Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

Emoticon Hanover (\$14.40) went wire-to-wire to take the \$150,000 Joie De Vie Mare Trot on Sunday, August 27 at Tioga Downs in a world-record mile of 1:50.2.

Trotting fractions of :26, :55.1, and 1:22.4, Emoticon Hanover maintained a length advantage on pocket-rider Hannelore Hanover at the wire to break the 1:51.2 mark for four-year-old mares set previously by Classic Martine and Frau Blucher in 2014. Caprice Hill, riding the rail, finished third, while odds-on favorite Pasithea Face S stalled in her first-over bid to settle for fourth.



By Kadabra from the Ken Warkentin mare Emmylou Who, Emoticon Hanover, competes for owner Determination and is conditioned by Luc Blais. Steered by Daniel Dubé, she earned her 13th career win in 34 tries, increasing her lifetime earnings to \$994,434.

## Joie de Vie Farms • Past Winners

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse/Margin
2017	<b>Emoticon Hanover</b> Hannelore Hanover Caprice Hill	Daniel Dubé Yannick Gingras Brian Sears	Luc Blais Ron Burke Tony Alagna	<b>1:50.2</b>	\$150,000 1-1/2, nk
2016	Hannelore Hanover Shake It Cerry Barn Doll	Yannick Gingras David Miller Jeff Gregory	Ron Burke Jimmy Takter Jeff Gregory	1:51.3	\$170,000 3-3/4, 1/2
2015	D'One Bee a Magician Allie Labrook	Örjan Kihlström Brian Sears Andy Miller	Roger Walmann Richard Norman Kristin Shetler	1:52.2	\$177,000 1, 1-3/4
2014	Maven Classic Martine Bee a Magician	Yannick Gingras Tim Tetrick Brian Sears	Ron Burke Chris Oakes Richard Norman	1:52	\$178,000 1/2, 1/2
2013	D'Orsay Beatgoeson Hanover Cedar Dove	Corey Callahan David Miller Ron Pierce	Jonas Czernyson Richard Norman Noel Daley	1:52	\$202,000 3, 3/4
2012	Beatgoeson Hanover Four Damsals Magic Wheel (4, pl. 3)	T. Smedshammer Chris Lems Corey Callahan	Richard Norman George Ducharme Josh Green	1:54	\$191,000 3/4, 1/2
2011	Action-Broadway Autumn Escapade Yursa Hanover	Brian Sears David Miller John Campbell	Virgil Morgan Jr. Jonas Czernyson Jonas Czernyson	1:54.2	\$164,000 hd, 1-1/2
2010	Yursa Hanover Windsong Soprano Autumn Escapade	Daniel Dubé Andy Miller David Miller	Benoit Baillargeon Bob McIntosh Jonas Czernyson	1:54.4	\$150,000 1-1/2, 1/2
2009	Buck I St Pat Lavec Dream Autumn Escapade	Tim Tetrick Peter Kleinhans David Miller	Ron Burke Peter Kleinhans Jonas Czernyson	1:54.3	\$139,500 1, 1-3/4

# Empire Breeders Classic • Pacing Events

Pacing divisions of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Empire Breeders Classic are scheduled for August 19, 2018. Top New York-sired three-year-olds are showcased in the joint venture between Tioga Downs, Vernon Downs, and the New York Sire Stakes. Meadowlands Pace winner He's Watching and Little Brown Jug winner Vegas Vacation are among the winners of the Classic for colts and geldings. Past renewals of the Filly Classic have also yielded suitable star power, with the likes of See You At Peelers (amid a 22-race win streak) capturing the 2011 renewal, and stakes record holder Shebestingin going on from the Classic to become the fastest female pacer ever with a 1:47 clocking at Lexington's Red Mile.

## 2017 Empire Breeders Classic Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

The \$257,850 Empire Breeders Classic for New York-sired three-year-old pacing fillies saw Mark Steacy trainee Obvious Blue Chip (\$57.50) spring a 27-1 upset after kicking second-over cover. Scott Zeron angled the Roll With Joe filly behind the cover of Clear Idea (Mark MacDonald) into a :54.4 half mile, and flipped three-wide at the apex of the far turn as Clear Idea worked onto level pegging with odds-on pacesetter Tequila Monday (Brian Sears). Obvious Blue Chip pounced on dueling leaders with a sixteenth to go, and drew off to best the first-over Clear Idea by a length in 1:50.2. Ameraway (Corey Callahan) emerged from midpack traffic, splitting rivals in deep stretch to reach third.



Stephen Klunowski of Ontario shares ownership of Obvious Blue Chip with the NLG Racing Stable.



In the \$263,100 Classic three-year-old pacing colts and geldings, favorite Heavens Gait (\$4.50) swept to the fore at the sixteenth pole after stalking a cutthroat :26 third-quarter duel between In A Single Bound (Billy Dobson) and Funknwaffles (Callahan). David Miller drove the Rock N Roll Heaven colt to a 1:49.2 victory for trainer Nick DeVita and owner John Cummins. Miso Fast (Matt Kakaley) and Music Is Art (Tim

Tetric) likewise improved from far off the pace to take second and third respectively as the front flight tired.

# Empire Breeders Classic • Past Winners

## New York-Sired Three-Year-Old Pacing Colts and Geldings

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse
2017	Heavens Gait Miso Fast Music Is Art	David Miller Matt Kakaley Tim Tetrick	Nick DeVita	1:49.2	\$263,100
2016	Fresh Cut	Marcus Miller	Erv Miller	1:51.1	\$240,475
2015	Rockin In Heaven	David Miller	Dr. Ian Moore	1:50	\$290,000
2014	He's Watching	Tim Tetrick	David Menary	1:49.1	\$255,525
<b>2013</b>	<b>Vegas Vacation</b>	Brian Sears	Casie Coleman	<b>1:48.3</b>	\$257,250
2012	Heston Blue Chip	Tim Tetrick	Linda Toscano	1:50.2	\$270,400
2011	Fashion Delight	David Miller	Jim Campbell	1:50.2	\$289,925
2010	Dr Dreamy	Brian Sears	George Teague Jr.	1:51	\$217,250
2009	Hypnotic Blue Chip	Tim Tetrick	Mark Harder	1:50.3	\$218,925
2008	Bullville Powerful	Yannick Gingras	Stephen Crevani	1:51.1	\$242,275
2007	Kenneth J	Jim Morrill Jr.	Linda Toscano	1:51	\$133,625

## New York-Sired Three-Year-Old Pacing Fillies

Year	Top Three Finishers	Driver	Trainer	Time	Purse
2017	Obvious Blue Chip Clear Idea Ameraway	Scott Zeron Mark MacDonald Corey Callahan	Mark Steacy	1:50.2	\$257,850
2016	No Clouds Bluechip	Brett Miller	John Berger	1:50.1	\$239,225
2015	Mosquito Blue Chip	Jim Morrill Jr.	Paul Jessop	1:49.3	\$269,000
2014	Precocious Beauty	Doug McNair	Gregg McNair	1:51.1	\$244,875
<b>2013</b>	<b>Shebestingin</b>	David Miller	Joe Holloway	<b>1:49</b>	\$250,750
2012	Bettor B Lucky	Jim Morrill Jr.	Ron Burke	1:50	\$250,850
2011	See You At Peelers	Marcus Johansson	Jimmy Takter	1:49.2	\$279,175
2010	Galimony	David Miller	Linda Toscano	1:52.4	\$202,200
2009	Indulge Me	Michel Lachance	Ed Lohmeyer	1:52.2	\$203,425
2008	Madam Countess	David Miller	Erv Miller	1:52.1	\$270,625
2007	Paula's Best	George Brennan	Ross Croghan	1:51.3	\$132,625

# Tompkins-Geers Stakes

Harness racing's Grand Circuit visits Tioga Downs annually with the renewals of the Arthur Tompkins Memorial and Geers Stakes for trotters and pacers, respectively. All four two-year-old divisions are slated for Friday, Aug. 10, while three-year-old pacers contest their Geers Stakes divisions on Friday, June 29.

## 2017 Tompkins-Geers Recap

*with files from Standardbred Canada*

Of six Tompkins-Geers events held at Tioga Downs in 2017, trainer Linda Toscano captured three of them.

The Geers Stakes for three-year-old pacers, contested in July, offered in excess of \$140,000 purses, and Toscano trainees captured two of the five divisions. Driver Scott Zeron teamed up with Toscano-trained fillies World Apart (\$12.40, 1:52.2) and Robin J (\$4.20, 1:51.2). Ideal Plan (\$12.20, 1:53.1) rounded out the trio of victorious distaffers, with Jim Marohn Jr. handling the driving duties for trainer Casie Coleman.

Two divisions for pacing colts and geldings were contested, with Macs Jackpot (\$4.70, 1:50.2) and Independent One (\$11.80, 1:51.3) taking top honors in their respective splits. Macs Jackpot, driven by Jim Marohn Jr. for trainer Jim Campbell, led nearly every step of the journey en route to victory, while Jim Taggart Jr. and John Butenschoen trainee Independent One rallied from off the pace to wear down pacesetting Jo Pas Somebeach.

A single division of the Arthur Tompkins Memorial for two-year-old trotting fillies was held in August, and Toscano trainee Repentance (\$4.20) lived up to favored billing in the \$53,700 event. The daughter of Chapter Seven enjoyed a clear pocket trip behind Seven Karats through splits of :29.2, :58.4, and 1:28 before angling out in upper stretch and reaching by half a length for a 1:56.1 score under Tim Tetrick.

## Graduate Series • Four-Year-Old Pace and Trot

Top four-year-old pacers and trotters converge on Tioga Downs in a preliminary Graduate Series event. Past winners in the Southern Tier include 2016 Trotting Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder and pacing superstar Wiggle It Jiggleit.

### 2017 Graduate Recap

In last year's twin \$50,000 Graduate trotting divisions, Trolley (\$4.60) shrugged off pressure en route to a 1:52.1 win, while 2016 Trotting Triple Crown champion Marion Marauder (\$6.60) used a steady first-over ascent to capture his seasonal debut in 1:52.4. Trolley, who brushed to the half in :54.4 before turning aside a stout first-over push from Tight Lines, was driven by Marcus Miller for trainer Erv Miller. Marion Marauder closed into a much softer pace set by Dayson up the far side before putting him away and holding off a late charge from Dia Monde. Scott Zeron drove Marion Marauder for trainer Paula Wellwood.

In the lone \$75,000 pacing division, Dr J Hanover (\$7.00) was a pillar-to-post winner over the first-over Boston Red Rocks, covering the one-mile journey in 1:48.3 in rein to Doug McNair for trainer

## Miss Versatility Series • Mares Trot

The best distaff trotters from across North America contest the summer-long Miss Versatility series, which features stops at racetracks of four different sizes. After visiting Tioga Downs for a late preliminary event on August 19—one week after the Joie de Vie Farms Trot, the series culminates with a rich final at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Ohio.

### 2017 Miss Versatility Recap

*from Standardbred Canada*

In the Miss Versatility preliminary on the Empire Breeders Classic undercard, Pasithea Face S (\$3.40, Tim Tetrick) stalked early leavers Oho Diamond (Brett Miller) and Side Bet Hanover (David Miller) before brushing to the fore with a circuit to go and holding her ground under stern first-over pressure from P L Jill (Callahan) through the final three-eighths of a 1:50.4 mile. Jimmy Takter trains the five-year-old Muscle Hill mare for Courant, Inc.

# Tioga Downs Track Records

## Pacing Records

2C	He's Watching	2013	Jim Morrill Jr.	1:50
2F	Youaremycandygirl	2017	Matt Kakaley	1:52
2G	Cougar Bait	2016	Mike Simons	1:52.2
3C	Heston Blue Chip	2012	Tim Tetrick	1:48.4
3F	Shebestingin	2013	David Miller	1:49
3G	Vegas Vacation	2013	Brian Sears	1:48.3
4H	Doo Wop Hanover	2015	John Campbell	1:47.4
4M (t)	Anndrovette	2011	George Brennan	1:49.4
	Solar Sister	2016	Doug McNair	
4G (t)	Rockeyed Optimist	2015	Tim Tetrick	1:48.1
	Wiggle It Jiggleit	2016	Montrell Teague	
AH	<b>State Treasurer</b>	2015	David Miller	<b>1:47.2</b>
AM	Camille	2013	Matt Kakaley	1:48.3
AG	Dealt A Winner	2017	David Miller	1:47.4
5/8 mi	Mountain Rocket	2009	David Miller	1:09
1-1/4 mi	Erichs Best	2012	Fern Paquet Jr.	2:23

## Trotting Records

2C	Jack Vernon	2015	Corey Callahan	1:53.3
2F (t)	Plunge Blue Chip	2017	Åke Svanstedt	1:55.1
	Bill's Lady	2017	Tim Tetrick	
2G	Tirade Hanover	2012	Brian Sears	1:55.4
3C	Temple of Doom	2010	David Miller	1:52.4
3F	Barn Bella	2017	Jim Taggart Jr.	1:52.4
3G	Dayson	2016	Jim Morrill Jr.	1:52.2
4H	Trolley	2017	Marcus Miller	1:52.1
4M	<b>Emoticon Hanover</b>	2017	Daniel Dubé	<b>1:50.2</b>
4G	Bourbon Bay	2015	John Cummings Jr.	1:52.1
AH	Wings Of Royalty	2017	Mike Simons	1:53.2
AM	Pasithea Face S	2017	Tim Tetrick	1:50.4
AG	Traverse Seelster	2014	Brandon Simpson	1:52.4
1-1/4 mi	Speed O Begonia	2012	Rick Plano	2:27.2

# 2017 Driver and Trainer Standings

## Driver Standings

	St	W	P	S	W%	Purses
Mike Simons	448	74	66	63	16.5	512,092
Jim Taggart Jr.	439	55	58	67	12.5	406,089
Jim Meittinis	389	53	61	57	13.6	396,647
Mike Merton	177	53	44	45	19.1	321,095
Aaron Byron	348	46	54	52	13.2	351,886
Tom Jackson	281	36	31	39	12.8	242,790
Jim Marohn Jr.	108	31	17	10	28.7	243,243
Mickey McNichol	220	24	37	26	10.9	212,015
Corey Braden	274	22	41	33	8.0	182,121
Scott Coulter	138	22	16	15	15.9	116,271
Fern Paquet Jr.	275	22	40	39	8.0	194,781
Jim Morrill Jr.	50	15	11	6	30.0	229,253
John MacDonald	62	14	10	7	22.6	73,118
Rick Dane Jr.	84	13	10	11	15.5	81,303
Jeffrey Long	81	11	12	12	13.6	67,510
Marcus Miller	39	9	3	3	23.1	140,771
Larry Stalbaum	43	9	7	4	20.9	55,921
Scott Zeron	52	9	8	6	17.3	350,220

## Trainer Standings

	St	W	P	S	W%	Purses
Mike Deters	153	29	19	19	19.0	200,454
Patti Harmon	93	24	16	12	25.8	131,510
Tony Dinges	143	23	21	20	16.1	138,533
Gary Messenger	172	23	25	23	13.4	172,120
Joe Skowyra	132	20	27	20	15.2	147,968
Jeffrey Byron	95	18	17	18	18.9	141,850
David McGinnis	138	17	22	30	12.3	103,084
Mickey McNichol	97	16	18	14	16.5	110,311
Paul Bernardo	92	15	24	9	16.3	108,147
Gaston Lareau	135	15	10	11	11.1	76,460
Jim McDonald	114	15	15	14	13.2	86,956
Edgar Clarke	97	14	13	7	14.4	89,986
Mike Simons	66	13	11	9	19.7	83,042
Erv Miller	50	12	6	7	24.0	199,060
Fred Cohen	55	11	9	10	20.0	58,171
Linda Toscano	49	11	7	10	22.4	212,474

# Horseman Profiles

## Mike Simons

**Birthday:** 24 Mar 1961

**Hometown:** Lexington, KY

- Won the Tioga driving title in 2015 and 2017, as well as the Pocono driving title in 2002
- Set a world record with trotting mare In Your Room (1:51.4) in 2013
- Led all Tioga drivers in earnings in both 2016 and 2017

## Scott Coulter

**Birthday:** 1970

**Hometown:** Brantford, ON

- The "Tan Tornado" has earned over \$27M in purses while driving over 4500 winners
- Earned over \$1M each season from 2004 to 2014, breaking the \$2M barrier on five occasions
- Won the 2016 Tioga Downs driving title in his first local season

## Jim Meittinis

**Birthday:** 15 Mar 1966

**Hometown:** Queens, NY

- Won over 1900 races and over \$22M in purses as a driver
- Enjoyed six million-dollar seasons (1999-2001, 2007-09) in the bike, campaigning through the Mid-Atlantic
- Maintained a small stable through 2014, focusing on trotters

## Mike Merton

**Birthday:** 18 Dec 1971

**Hometown:** Bayshore, NY

- Enjoyed his best years as a driver to date in 2016 in 2017, winning 260 races and amassing over \$1M in purses for the first time in his career in 2016, and enjoying a comparable 2017
- Has driven over 3000 winners and earned over \$10M in purses through his career

## Jim Marohn Jr.

**Birthday:** 24 Feb 1982

**Hometown:** Fort Lee, NJ

- Four-time Tioga Downs driving champion (2009, 2012-14)
- Won both halves of the Vernon/Tioga Drivers' Championship in 2013
- Moved his tack full-time to The Meadowlands in 2016, and remains competitive in the upper echelon of the national scene

# Horseman Profiles

## Corey Braden

**Birthday:** 11 Mar 1970

**Hometown:** Washington, PA

- Won the Tioga driving title in 2010, along with multiple titles in Maryland and Virginia
- Represented the United States in the 2007 Moscow International Drivers' Championship

## Jim Taggart Jr.

**Birthday:** 15 Mar 1970

**Hometown:** Monticello, NY

- Has amassed over \$21M in purse earnings, including over \$1M in six of the last seven seasons
- Drove a career-high 362 winners in 2015, splitting time between Pocono and New York tracks.

## Jim Morrill Jr.

**Birthday:** 10 Nov 1964

**Hometown:** Hamburg, NY

- Perennial top driver who has earned over \$2M in purses each year since 2000
- Earned a career high of \$8.2M in 2009
- Primarily drives at Pocono and Western New York after years of competing at The Meadowlands
- One of the most sought-after New York Sire Stakes drivers

## Yannick Gingras

**Birthday:** 4 Aug 1979

**Hometown:** Sorel, QC

- Has eclipsed \$9M in purse earnings each of the last eleven years, pushing him past \$150M in career purses
- Well known for being the primary driver of Foiled Again, the richest horse in harness racing history

## Tim Tetrick

**Birthday:** 22 Nov 1981

**Hometown:** Flora, IL

- One of the premier drivers in the sport, with over 10,000 career wins to his credit
- Set a single-season record for driving wins, with 1189 in 2007
- Represented the United States in the 2015 World Driving Championships, held in Australia

# Horseman Profiles

## Mike Deters

**Birthday:** 2 Mar 1962

**Hometown:** Coconut Creek, FL

- Four-time Tioga Downs training champion (2009-DH, 2014, 2016-17)
- Trainer of Prairie Jaguar, four-time winner in 1:50 or faster at Pompano Park in Florida

## Tony Dinges

**Birthday:** 2 Oct 1978

**Hometown:** Carlisle, PA

- Maintained a small stable since 2002, earning over \$2M in purses
- Won a career high 67 races in 2017 from 433 starters

## Gary Messenger

**Birthday:** 8 Aug 1954

**Hometown:** Monticello, NY

- Captured the Tioga Downs training championship in 2015
- Harnessed over 100 winners in each of the last nine seasons
- Amassed over \$8M in career purse earnings, mainly plying his trade in the Empire State

## Joe Skowyra (sko-VEE-rah)

**Birthday:** 26 Sep 1978

**Hometown:** Milford, DE

- Delaware native relocated to the Empire State in 2015
- Boasted a 26% strike rate locally in 2015 and a 24% strike rate in 2016
- Trains local favorite Believe This Bob

## Jeff Byron

**Birthday:** 22 Feb 1985

**Hometown:** Barrie, ON

- Cracked the top 6 in the local standings in both seasons spent south of the border
- Harnessed over 200 winners since sending his first starter to post in 2004

## Guy Howard

**Birthday:** 12 Sep 1951

**Hometown:** Binghamton, NY

- Trained perennial Tioga trotting favorite and two-time Tioga Trotter of the Year Aruba Vacation
- Instrumental in the operation of the Southern Tier Harness Horsemen's Association (STHHA)

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