

# The 2009 Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Classic Finalists

## **HORSE** Amazon Art *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Artsplace – Can Due River – Cam Fella  
**OWNER:** Bulletproof Enterprises [Jeffrey R. Brooks], Boca Raton, FL  
**BREEDER:** Frederick Hertrich III, Seaford DE & Lewis Arno, Princeton NJ  
**SALE:** \$100,000 Lexington Selected  
**TRAINER:** Ken Rucker

**DRIVER:** George Brennan

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	3	0	1	0	\$7,075	--
2008	9	0	2	1	\$10,775	Q1:57.2M
<b>LIFETIME</b>	12	0	3	1	\$17,850	Q1:57.2M

- Placed fourth in his New Jersey Classic elim
- Winless in 12 career starts
- Moved into Ken Rucker barn in May; Rucker seeking first New Jersey Classic win.
- His late sire, Artsplace, produced three previous New Jersey Classic winners: Arturo in 1997, Art's Conquest in 1999 and Modern Art in 2004. The record of four winners is held by No Nukes.

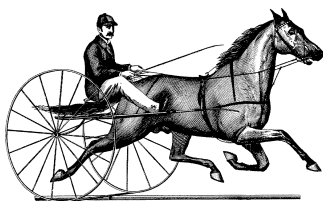
## **HORSE** Dial Or Nodial *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Western Ideal – Smart Dialing - Abercrombie  
**OWNER:** Arlene & Jules Siegel, New Hope, PA  
**BREEDER:** Arlene & Jules Siegel, New Hope, PA  
**SALE:** Homebred  
**TRAINER:** Jim Campbell

**DRIVER:** Brian Sears

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	3	2	1	0	\$127,850	1:50.1M
2008	12	8	0	1	\$414,124	1:51.2Lex
<b>LIFETIME</b>	15	10	1	1	\$541,974	1:50.1M

- Won his New Jersey Classic elim by three-quarters of a length in 1:50.2.
- "Dial is a real nice horse to be around," said trainer Jim Campbell, who is stabled at White Birch Farm in Allentown, NJ. "He likes to be out in the paddock as much as possible, and if there is mud he will find it."
- "He was gelded March 1, 2008," Campbell recalled. "He was just not paying attention during his training miles. He turned around right after the gelding."
- The pacer won back-to-back New Jersey Sire Stakes in his first two career starts in August of 2008 and added the \$85,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes Final at Freehold on September 20. In two stops at Lexington's Red Mile, he also won divisions of the Bluegrass and International Stallion Stakes. He wrapped up his two-year-old season in the \$700,000 Breeders Crown Final at the Meadowlands on November 29, 2008, finishing third by two and a quarter lengths.
- Dial Or Nodial was the New Jersey Sire Stakes divisional champion at two and voted the New Jersey Sire Stakes Horse of the Year by the Board of Trustees.
- A son of Western Ideal – as are five of the 10 finalists.
- "I ended up in a kind of first over situation so I brushed him to the front kind of late, and he was well in hand finishing," Brian Sears said after the New Jersey Classic elim victory. "He was a super nice colt last year, and he's showing up again his year and everything seems to be as expected."



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## **HORSE** Estero Bay *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Western Ideal – Sanabelle Island – In the Pocket  
**OWNER:** Lloyd F. Arnold, La Quinta, CA  
**BREEDER:** Lloyd or Nancy Arnold LP, Indio, CA: Edward Allred, Los Alamitos CA  
**SALE:** Homebred  
**TRAINER:** Erv Miller **DRIVER:** Tim Tetrick

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	8	3	1	2	\$45,996	1:52.4M
2008	3	0	2	1	\$20,595	--
<b>LIFETIME</b>	11	3	3	3	\$66,591	1:52.4M

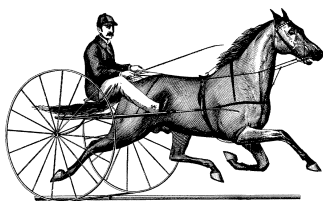
- Fourth across the line but placed third in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- Took his mark of 1:52.4, winning a New Jersey Sire Stakes division on May 16 at the Meadowlands.
- Fourth foal of the \$1.6 million earner, Sanabelle Island. Three-quarter brother to Captiva Island [by Western Hanover] who earned nearly \$317,000.
- Estero Bay is a long, narrow and very shallow body of water located in Southwest Florida.
- A son of Western Ideal – as are five of the 10 finalists.
- Erv Miller seeing his first training victory in the New Jersey Classic.

## **HORSE** Passmaster Hanover *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Cam's Card Shark – Panned Out – Jate Lobell  
**OWNER:** Jeffrey Snyder, New York NY; Brittany Farms [George Segal], Versailles KY  
**BREEDER:** Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover PA  
**SALE:** \$250,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, Lexington KY  
**TRAINER:** Blair Burgess **DRIVER:** Tim Tetrick

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	4	2	1	0	\$22,996	1:50.3M
2008	2	2	0	0	\$10,413	1:56.0Wdb
<b>LIFETIME</b>	6	4	1	0	\$33,409	1:50.3M

- Won his New Jersey Classic elim by three lengths in career best 1:50.3.
- Son of Cam's Card Shark, the 1994 New Jersey Classic winner who was also owned by Jeffrey Snyder and was Trotter of the Year and sire of three previous New Jersey Classic winners.
- Was a \$250,000 yearling purchase in Lexington; highest priced sibling who went for at least \$67,000 and four were over \$100,000. Full brother Philos Hanover has earned more than \$400,000. Three out of first five siblings earned at least \$200,000.
- "I don't know where he fits yet," trainer Blair Burgess said. "I don't know if he'll be able to battle with [the top colts] all summer or not, but he's off on the right step."
- "He trained like a good colt, but he into trouble baby racing," Burgess noted. "He started making breaks, and we didn't really know why. We chalked it up to [lack of] maturity and that he just wasn't that sure of himself, so we waited until the fall to see if he would come around on his own. Then we went to race him in the winter time and he got a little sore in the feet. That's when we decided not to race him on the hard tracks and bring him back now."
- "This horse is an open book," Burgess said. "I don't think Timmy [driver Tim Tetrick] knows yet [what to expect from him], and I don't think I know."
- "I just let him go to the front and he did the rest of the work," said Tim Tetrick. "Blair always brings them ready so it's a pleasure to drive for him. He's got tough company. Dial or Nodial is a really nice horse. I got the pleasure of driving him once. He's very nice very fast, and he's definitely got a lot of ability."



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## HORSE **Poker Shark**

**BREEDING:** Cam's Card Shark – Ramilette Hanover – Western Hanover  
**OWNER:** Bluestone Farms LLC [Eric Freeman, Frank Russo, Mitchel Skolnick], Hopewell NJ;  
 Canamerica Capital Corp [Douglas F. Hyatt, Albert Imbrogno] Milton, Ontario; Kitty Hawk  
 Stable [Robert Boni, Stuart Hankin] Secaucus NJ

**BREEDER:** Melvin P. Segal, Charlotte NC

**SALE:** \$60,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg PA

**TRAINER:** Joe Holloway **DRIVER:** Brian Sears

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	16	1	4	3	\$35,493	1:55.3M
2008	7	1	1	2	\$8,480	1:57.4 Fhd
<b>LIFETIME</b>	23	2	5	5	\$43,973	1:55.3M

- Finished fourth in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- Son of Cam's Card Shark, the 1994 New Jersey Classic winner who was also owned by Jeffrey Snyder and was Trotter of the Year. Cam's Card Shark has sired three previous New Jersey Classic winners Riverboat King in 2000, Bettor's Delight in 2001 and Fresh Deck in 2007. No Nukes leads all sires with four winners.
- Trainer Joe Holloway won the New Jersey Classic three prior times: Jenna's Beach Boy in 1995, Modern Art in 2004 and Fresh Deck in 2007.

## HORSE **Redneck Riviera**

**BREEDING:** Red River Hanover - Cape Matteras – Matt's Scooter  
**OWNER:** Heidi Miller, Springfield IL; Carol Reynolds, Springfield IL; Benita Simmons, Springfield IL;  
 Nick Barbieri, Woodbridge Ontario

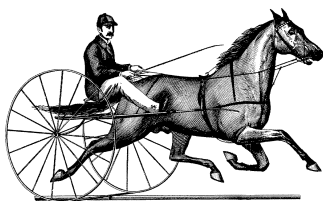
**BREEDER:** Perretti Farms, Cream Ridge NJ

**SALE:** \$37,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg PA

**TRAINER:** Erv Miller **DRIVER:** Andy Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	6	3	0	1	\$53,868	1:51.4M
2008	1	1	0	0	\$13,800	1:54.0BmP
<b>LIFETIME</b>	7	4	0	1	\$67,668	1:51.4M

- Finished fifth in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- Won his first start on June 21, 2008 in a division of the Hanover Stakes at Chicago's Balmoral Park, taking his two-year-old mark of 1:54 flat.
- Captured a first leg New Jersey Sire Stakes division on May 16, 2009, defeating Poker Shark. Finished fourth in the \$200,000 NJSS Final on May 30.
- Has picked up a check in every start.



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## **HORSE** **Riding The Rapids** *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Red River Hanover – Riding Around – Camluck

**OWNER:** Roger E. McDow, Las Vegas NV

**BREEDER:** Peter H. Boyce, Hanover PA

**SALE:** \$18,000 Lexington Selected Sale, Lexington KY

**TRAINER:** Ross Croghan

**DRIVER:** Yannick Gingras

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	9	3	1	2	\$40,400	1:52.2PcD
2008	4	1	0	0	\$3,150	Q1:59.0 Fhld
<b>LIFETIME</b>	13	4	1	2	\$43,550	1:52.2PcD

- Rallied for third in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- “I gave him a chance on the outside,” said driver Yannick Gingras. “He hasn’t been finishing well. So I decided to sit the rail and hoped he’d be better that way.”
- Black colt took his mark in a preliminary leg of the Mohegan Series at Pocono Downs, finishing third in the final.

## **HORSE** **Sombrero Blue Chip** *Meadowlands Pace Eligible*

**BREEDING:** Western Ideal – Advantest – Artsplace

**OWNER:** Glenview Livestock Ltd [Robert Schlegel], Wallenstein, Ontario

**BREEDER:** Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc., Wallkill NY

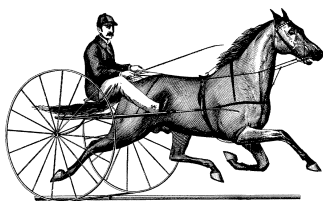
**SALE:** \$150,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg PA

**TRAINER:** Bruce Saunders

**DRIVER:** Yannick Gingras

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	6	3	1	0	\$28,813	1:52.1Moh
2008	4	1	1	0	\$11,178	1:54.0Wdb
<b>LIFETIME</b>	10	4	2	0	\$39,991	1:52.1Moh

- Finished second to Dial Or Nodial in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- “He came down last year for the Breeders Crown,” said trainer Bruce Saunders. “He may not have been physically prepared for it, but they gave him a chance. He’s matured physically and mentally. He’s a Rene Laarman colt, and I’m just kind of a steward while he’s here. He’s a very, very fast horse and I expect him to continue to improve. He’s a half-brother to Kenneth J. I was very happy with the way he raced tonight. I thought Yannick [Gingras] did a wonderful job driving him. Next week we’ll all have to beat Jimmy’s colt [the Jim Campbell trained Dial Or Nodial] again, but I was happy with the way my guy raced.”
- “Bruce told me he was the second best horse in the race,” Yannick Gingras said. “He’s coming along good. We just have to give him a chance. I got away third and didn’t really like my spot. Brian [Sears with Dial Or Nodial] had him wrapped up at the wire. I think it will take a little racing luck to beat him [Dial or Nodial]. A little luck with the draw as well. Something needs to go wrong for anyone to beat him. If I’m going to be here for the final I’d pick him [Sombrero Blue Chip].”
- A half-brother to Kenneth J, a \$1.5 million earner, Sombrero Blue Chip was a \$150,000 yearling purchase.



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## HORSE

## Vertical Horizon

**BREEDING:**

Western Ideal – Summer Mystery – Artiscap

**OWNER:**

Bulletproof Enterprises [Jeffrey R. Brooks], Boca Raton FL

**BREEDER:**

Brittany Farms, Versailles KY and Daisy Acres, Astoria NY

**SALE:**

\$65,000 Lexington Selected Sale, Lexington KY

**TRAINER:**

Bjorn "Bernie" Noren

**DRIVER:**

Daniel Dube

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	7	1	0	0	\$14,390	1:52.3M
2008	5	0	0	0	\$2,508	Q1:57.2Moh
<b>LIFETIME</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$16,898</b>	<b>1:52.3M</b>

- Was sixth across the wire but placed fifth in his New Jersey Classic elim and advance to the final.
- Only win was a non-winners of two at the Meadowlands on April 22.
- Qualified for the Berry's Creek Final but finished eighth.
- Trainer Bernie Noren was an assistant to Jimmy Takter until opening his own stable last fall.
- First foal of dam, Summery Mystery.

## HORSE

## Vintage Master

**BREEDING:**

Western Ideal – Art's Vintage - Artsplace

**OWNER:**

Brittany Farms [George Segal], Versailles KY and Brian P. Monieson Revtrust [Steven and the late Brian Monieson], Northbrook IL

**BREEDER:**

Brittany Farms [George Segal], Versailles KY and Brian P. Monieson Revtrust [Steven and the late Brian Monieson], Northbrook IL

**SALE:**

Homebred

**TRAINER:**

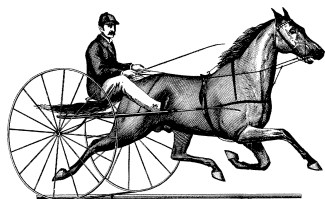
Jimmy Takter

**DRIVER:**

Daniel Dube

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2009	6	0	4	0	\$74,974	--
2008	12	0	3	4	\$96,696	Q1:57.4M
<b>LIFETIME</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$171,670</b>	<b>Q1:57.4M</b>

- Finished second to Passmaster Hanover in his New Jersey Classic elim.
- Winless in 18 career starts but in-the-money 11 times to make him the second highest money earner in the field with \$171,670.
- Was second to Dial Or Nodial in the \$175,000 New Jersey Sire Stakes Final for two-year-olds on July 10, 2008.
- Was third in the Metro consolation at Mohawk, leg of the Bret Hanover at the Red Mile and a division of the International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile.
- Full brother Ideal Vintage has banked nearly \$270,000.



# Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Classic Facts & Figures

- ***New Jersey Classic winners who were voted Three-Year-Old Pacer Of The Year:***

2005	Rocknroll Hanover
2001	Bettor's Delight
1995	Jenna's Beach Boy
1994	Cam's Card Shark
1993	Presidential Ball
1992	Western Hanover
1988	Matt's Scooter
1987	Jate Lobell
1984	On The Road Again

- ***Winners of Both the New Jersey Classic & Meadowlands Pace:***

2005	Rocknroll Hanover
1994	Cam's Card Shark
1993	Presidential Ball
1989	Dexter Nukes
1988	Matt's Scooter
1984	On The Road Again

- ***New Jersey Classic runners-up who have won the Meadowlands Pace:***

1996	Hot Lead
1992	Carlsbad Cam
1991	Precious Bunny

- ***Top Drivers in New Jersey Classic***

<b>Mike Lachance</b>	5 wins
<b>John Campbell</b>	5 wins
<b>Cat Manzi</b>	3 wins
<b>Buddy Gilmour</b>	2 wins
<b>Bill O'Donnell</b>	2 wins
<b>William Fahy</b>	2 wins

- ***Leading Trainers in the New Jersey Classic:***

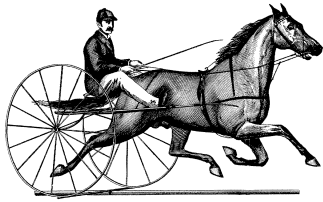
<b>Brett Pelling</b>	3 wins	Shady Character [1998], Art's Conquest [1999], Rocknroll Hanover [2005]
<b>Bill Robinson</b>	3 wins	Allwin Steady [1983], Presidential Ball [1993] & Cam's Card Shark [1994]
<b>Joe Holloway</b>	3 wins	Jenna's Beach Boy [1995], Modern Art [2004] & Fresh Deck [2007]
<b>Chris Ryder</b>	2 wins	McArdle [2002] & McCedes [2008]
<b>Harry Poulton</b>	2 wins	On The Road Again [1984] & Matt's Scooter [1988]

- ***Purse money distributed from 1980 to 2008 in the New Jersey Classic: \$13,973,755***

Richest race restricted to horses bred in a particular state; \$500,000 purse for 18 straight years.

- **Largest New Jersey Classic field:** 12 1980
- **Smallest New Jersey Classic field:** 7 2007
- **Wire-to-wire winners:** Bold Rush 1980
- **Longest shot in the New Jersey Classic Final:** Drop Stick (1993) - 185-1. Fin. 9th
- **100-1 shot to hit the board in the New Jersey Classic Final:** No Way (1993) - 103-1. Fin. 2nd





# Anthony Abbatiello New Jersey Classic Facts & Figures

## Winning Posts in the Classic Final:

Post	Wins
1	3
2	5
3	5
4	4
5	1

Post	Wins
6	4
7	0
8	2
9	4
10	1

- **New Jersey Classic winners who have sired winners:**

**Cam's Card Shark**, the 1994 winner, sired the 2000 winner Riverboat King, the 2001 winner Bettor's Delight and the 2007 winner Fresh Deck.

**Matt's Scooter**, who won the NJ Classic in 1988, sired the 1996 winner Falcons Scooter.

**McArdle**, the 2002 winner, sired 2008 winner McCedes. Both were trained by Chris Ryder.

- **No Nukes is the leading sire in the New Jersey Classic with four winners:**

- 1992 Western Hanover
- 1991 Die Laughing
- 1989 Dexter Nukes
- 1987 Jate Lobell (First Crop)

- **Artsplace has sired three Classic winners:**

- 1997 Arturo
  - 1999 Art's Conquest
  - 2004 Modern Art
- He is the grandsire of 2003 winner Artesian.*

- **Cam's Card Shark has sired three Classic winners:**

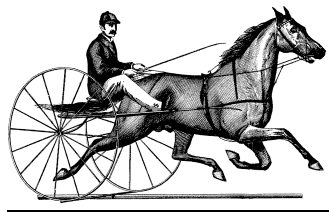
- 2000 Riverboat King
- 2001 Bettor's Delight
- 2007 Fresh Deck

- **Cam Fella has sired two New Jersey Classic winners:**

- 1994 Cam's Card Shark
- 1993 Presidential Ball

- **Direct Scooter has sired two Classic winners:**

- 1990 Too Good
- 1988 Matt's Scooter



## Previous NJ Classic Winners

Date	Purse \$	Time	Winner	Driver	Trainer	Sire
June 13, 2009	500,000					
May 31, 2008	500,000	1:49.4	McCedes	Cat Manzi	Chris Ryder	McArdle
June 2, 2007	500,000	1:49.4	Fresh Deck	John Campbell	Joe Holloway	Cam's Card Shark
May 27, 2006	500,000	<b>1:49.1</b>	Feelin Friskie	John Campbell	Scott Bell	Artiscape
May 28, 2005	500,000	1:51.0	Rocknroll Hanover	Brian Sears	Brett Pelling	Western Ideal
May 29, 2004	500,000	1:50.2	Modern Art	David Miller	Joe Holloway	Artsplace
May 31, 2003	500,000	1:50.4	Artesian	Mike Lachance	Sam DePinto	Artiscape
June 1, 2002	500,000	1:50.1	McArdle	Cat Manzi	Chris Ryder	Falcon Seelster
June 2, 2001	500,000	1:50.0	Bettor's Delight	Mike Lachance	Scott McEneny	Cam's Card Shark
June 3, 2000	500,000	1:50.1	Riverboat King	Jim Morrill Jr.	Steve Elliott	Cam's Card Shark
June 5, 1999	500,000	1:50.0	Art's Conquest	Mike Lachance	Brett Pelling	Artsplace
May 25, 1998	500,000	1:51.1	Shady Character	Mike Lachance	Brett Pelling	Falcon Seelster
June 6, 1997	500,000	1:51.2	Arturo	Luc Ouellette	Steve LeBlanc	Artsplace
May 24, 1996	500,000	1:52.0	Falcons Scooter	Ray Remmen	Ray Remmen	Matt's Scooter
May 27, 1995	500,000	1:50.4	Jenna's Beach Boy	William Fahy	Joe Holloway	Beach Towel
May 28, 1994	500,000	1:51.0	Cam's Card Shark	John Campbell	Bill Robinson	Cam Fella
May 29, 1993	500,000	1:51.4	Presidential Ball	Ron Waples	Bill Robinson	Cam Fella
May 30, 1992	500,000	1:50.4	Western Hanover	William Fahy	Gene Riegler	No Nukes
June 1, 1991	500,000	1:51.4	Die Laughing	Richard Silverman	Jerry Silverman	No Nukes
June 2, 1990	421,970	1:52.0	Too Good	Mike Lachance	Ron Knigge	Direct Scooter
June 9, 1989	500,000	1:53.2	Dexter Nukes	John Campbell	George Gilmour	No Nukes
June 11, 1988	500,000	1:52.0	Matt's Scooter	Buddy Gilmour	Harry Poulton	Direct Scooter
June 6, 1987	500,000	1:51.2	Jate Lobell	Mark O'Mara	Mark O'Mara	No Nukes
July 20, 1986	470,785	1:53.3	Awesome Almahurst	Mike Gagliardi	Mike Gagliardi	BG's Bunny
July 5, 1985	500,000	1:54.0	Markim's Pride	William O'Donnell	Fred Grant	BG's Bunny
July 6, 1984	460,000	1:53.3	On The Road Again	Buddy Gilmour	Harry Poulton	Happy Motoring
July 1, 1983	537,000	1:54.4	Allwin Steady	William O'Donnell	Bill Robinson	BG's Bunny
July 2, 1982	519,000	1:54.4	Pitt Boy	Jim Doherty	Frank Giangrande	Escort
July 3, 1981	265,000	1:57.0	Caramore	Cat Manzi	Howard Camden	Jolly Roger
July 4, 1980	300,000	1:55.4	Bold Rush	John Campbell	Fern Paquet	Isle of Wight