

Race 1 News

Breeders Crown winner Beckhams Z Tam a dream come true for connections

Jamie Macomber vividly remembers her conversations with fellow horseman Wilbur Eash in late 2016 regarding a precocious pacer set to move to her barn.

"You've got a good 3-year-old coming," he would tell her. "He's special."

Those words, as it turns out, would serve as foreshadowing for then-sophomore Beckhams Z Tam. The Always A Virgin – Sara's Lucky Charm colt would show the harness racing world just how special he was, doing so on one of the sport's grandest stages. Competing before a hometown crowd at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino in late October, Beckhams Z Tam captured the \$527,500 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old colt pacers in one of the more memorable races of the championship weekend, fulfilling lifelong dreams for the connections involved.

Eash saw the talent early on with the Indiana-sired colt. That talent, however, came with its own challenges. Beckhams Z Tam raced six times during his freshman campaign in 2016, twice finishing second in Indiana Sire Stakes (ISS) finals action. Despite pacing in 1:52.4, and closing out the mile with a 26.2 last quarter, the trainer was inclined to stop with him early. While others outside the barn saw a speedy young pacer, the veteran trainer was keenly aware of immaturity issues. After consulting with owner Bill Matz, the decision was made to focus on 2017.

"When I talked to Bill I told him, 'Let's

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CLAUDIA ANTONIA

Rode cones to lane, cleared, away in hand. Iffy, but obviously a major threat if she stays trotting.

JK JOURNEY

Shot to top, blazed the clip to far turn, attacked into lane, held fair. Useful tuner. One of many possibilities.

BREEZANI

Sat in to lane, tipped, up easily on own. Trotting hopples on. Luke hops aboard. Let's watch one.

NEVER ONEBADCHANGE

Bided time at back to lane, closed a bit into slow mile. Have to pass.

MANLEY STANLEY

Moved around gappers near half, stalked speedy leader into lane, led briefly but no match for flying foe. Looks pretty obvious on paper.

GRAVEL GIRL

Moved around gapper near half, stalked into lane, few taps, away on own. George returns to the bike. Usable.

LODI JAZZ PLAYER

Led at once, slowed clip to lane, stalled near wire. Seems like another outsider.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

1st Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	N/A
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	GRAVEL GIRL
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	MANLEY STANLEY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	CLAUDIA ANTONIA NEVER ONEBADCHANGE
Closed Strongly last race	CLAUDIA ANTONIA NEVER ONEBADCHANGE GRAVEL GIRL
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	JK JOURNEY
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	MANLEY STANLEY (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CLAUDIA ANTONIA NEVER ONEBADCHANGE MANLEY STANLEY

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

quit with him so we don't ruin him for next year.' He agreed," Eash said of the plan. "You hate to do that. I know this colt just paced in 1:52.4, but I just had a good feeling. They don't all develop right away at 2, and he had his issues."

But it wouldn't be Eash that would see things through when Beckhams Z Tam returned to racing in the spring.

He was intent to change his focus to developing the babies for Matz and his New York-based Z Tam Stables LLC. Instead, the task of campaigning the sophomore was given to Macomber, on her own for the first time after managing the Burke Stable's Indiana interests for several years. She would quickly find out just how charismatic, and ornery, her new charge could be.

"The very first time I sat behind him, he wouldn't go to the track," she said. "He was a typical little 3-year-old stud colt. He's going to test his limits; he's going to find out how far he can take me before I get the whip out and crack it.

"There were nights going out to warm up he didn't want to go to the track. But once he gets on the track, his attitude is unbelievable. He just likes to challenge, every day. There was never a day I went anywhere without the whip because he's going to present a challenge at some point."

While the colt may have consistently tested his limits in the Macomber barn, he also showed a playful side that made him hard to resist. Occupying the first stall, Beckhams Z Tam is the first horse visitors see when entering the barn and the last horse encountered on the way out.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CENALTA SNICKERS

Broke after, gave up 10 plus, 1st over from quarter, cover last bend, faded into lane. Mooney's choice. Midpriced stab.

CORDEES FANTASY

Sent hard, forced rival back, blazed clip to lane, faded out final furlong. An easier spot. Gimmick must.

HF CARD

Well back early, 1st over near half, solid uncovered move, broke midstr, still had some go. Not out of this either.

MESSIN IT UP

Looped, parked eighth to tuck, back out late last turn, didn't gain. Remains a longshot.

LILBITOFMAMA

Took cover past half, gapped flow last bend, angled wide, urged, best of the rest. Class relief makes him dangerous. Adds Nick too.

I WILL SCORE

Sped 3wide to pocket drop, chased rest of the mile, urged, fair. Speed to overcome outside. Undercard thoughts.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

2nd Race Computer Analysis

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

January 2018

February 2018

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Race 3 News

"When you come in the barn, it's only natural to pet Beckham," said Macomber.

"If you like to play with a horse, he's definitely all kid when it comes to playing. We had 600 fourth graders come through the barn and he loved every second of it. He was almost sad when they left. He's probably one of the most charismatic horses that I've ever been around."

With Jamie training and her husband, Ricky, driving, the couple navigated Beckhams Z Tam through a 3-year-old season that saw the colt win 11 of 20 starts while competing mainly in Indiana Sire Stakes action.

Throughout the season he became known for his quick turn of speed and a customary big kick on the end of the mile. He would pick up two victories in \$80,000 ISS finals, taking his 1:50.1 mark in the process, and along with a runner-up performance in a third, Beckhams Z Tam earned enough points to qualify for the \$220,000 Super Final. There, as the betting favorite, he finished second to Rock N Tony, finishing a length off the winner.

Although it was not the outcome they had hoped for, the 1:51.1 effort set him up nicely for the Breeders Crown eliminations slated for the following weekend.

"We are [stabled] 100 yards away and everyone else is traveling across the country," said owner Bill Matz, who gives many of his horses the "Z Tam" moniker, which is his name spelled backward.

"It's home-field advantage. We might as well take advantage of it."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

AGRESTORES COMET
Looped leaving, parked full first over, faded out final turn. Tony's choice. Favorable post. Usable.

MAJESTIC LADY JO
Led from gate, yielded mid turn, chased to last bend, faded. Adds Luke. Still longshot type.

LEAVE YOUR MARK
Scratched 12/29, also eligible. Nick's back. Decent spot. One more to consider.

TAME THE DICE
Rode cones the trip, cleared traffic into lane, mild late interest. Form so-so. Not the worst stab though.

WINDSUN GALAXIE
Sped 3wide to midturn lead, attacked far turn, held tough to wire. Figures to fire out. Gimmick must.

THE EVICTOR
Took cover train, moved 3wide into far turn, covered late in bend, stalked, away pretty easily. Obvious danger. Price will drop too.

ITZAZIAM
Led into turn, yielded, burst out far turn, right to lead, broke, had trot. Fast but somewhat iffy. Your call.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	THE EVICTOR
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	AGRESTORES COMET
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LEAVE YOUR MARK
Closed Strongly last race	THE EVICTOR
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	AGRESTORES COMET
Blocked or in trouble last race	AGRESTORES COMET ITZAZIAM
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	AGRESTORES COMET

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

In his Breeders Crown elimination, Beckhams Z Tam showed Macomber that he could put it all together on the racetrack. Throughout the season he had displayed a tendency to react negatively to motion or activity in front of him.

"He was afraid of every fast movement in front of him," she said. "When we trained, if the driver in front would move the whip, he would move his head. He would make breaks in training."

So when Art Scene made a break in front of Beckhams Z Tam racing to the three-quarters, the trainer instinctively expected the worst. Instead, her charge handled the action before him in stride and went on to pace home in 26 flat to finish third, securing a spot behind the gate in the lucrative final.

Downbytheseaside, the richest racehorse in North America this year, was tabbed the favorite, but many of the Hoosier faithful had pinned their hopes on Beckhams Z Tam, and the colt delivered. With a 56 opening half the stage was set for a sprint to the wire, and the Indiana-sired pacer was primed and ready.

Using a second-over trip, the sophomore dug in down the lane, stormed home in 25.4 and held off Downbytheseaside by a quarter-length to win in 1:51.1. He entered the winner's circle to a hero's welcome, joined by Macomber, Matz, Eash, and a host of others.

"It was unbelievable. It was so heartwarming to feel so loved," Macomber said of the response.

"It still gives me goosebumps to this day."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LIL ORPHAN ELMER

Left 3wide, parked nearly half to clear, attacked far turn, faded out once passed. Finally inside and Steve returns. Must include.

REAL BUZZ

Away to midturn tuck, mild shuffle to lane, cleared, had late interest. Post relief too. Price thought.

PL JALAPENO

Soft trip to midfar turn, grabbed cover, followed wide, urged to narrow gap. James returns. Slice maybe.

RUSTY CARTER

Took cover near last turn, good lead up, angled wide, surged, up. Chip hops aboard. Confidence builder last week?

BLUE STAR MAVERICK

Parked past quarter, pushed to half, back out into far turn, held well considering. Third start back angle.

SWAGASAURUSREX

Parked turn, released to fave, stalked, urged, 4across. Low price but hard to exclude Rex.

FF BIGSHOW

Reserved leaving, shuffled to last, tipped out for the drive, solid rally. Luke's choice. Major player for sure.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	FF BIGSHOW
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	SWAGASAURUSREX
Fastest last '1/4' last race	FF BIGSHOW
Closed Strongly last race	P L JALAPENO RUSTY CARTER
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	RUSTY CARTER (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	LIL ORPHAN ELMER REAL BUZZ
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	RUSTY CARTER FF BIGSHOW

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

It was the first Breeders Crown win for Matz as well, who currently owns 15 head.

"He was good the entire year," he said. "He was only off the board [twice in 20] races. I've had a lot of horses for a long time, so to have a horse be this good for six straight months is really amazing."

Eash can find satisfaction in seeing a colt for which he had such high aspirations deliver a championship to an owner whose dream had always been to win the Breeders Crown.

"It's what you race for," he said. "Something like that is what keeps you going. It was an amazing feeling."

Party of Five

One small pebble can cause a thousand ripples, and breeder Lavon Miller and his family are enjoying the ripples resulting from one act of kindness nearly six years ago.

It was at that time that owner John McGill returned the mare Sara's Lucky Charm to her first home following a racing career that spanned three seasons and produced six wins and \$119,025 in earnings. That action has produced blessings for the Topeka, Ind.-based family far beyond their expectations.

As a racing prospect, Sara's Lucky Charm sold for \$15,500 as a yearling, at the time the most a foal bred by Miller had fetched at auction. The Electric Yankee filly was named after his wife, and the group that purchased the pacer included McGill and trainer Wilbur Eash. As a 2-year-old, she took a 1:54.4 mark and earned a little over \$68,000. McGill would own her out-

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

NAT A KATT

Sent from pole braked to far turn, attacked by winner, battled to deep str, hung bit late. Edward returns. Longshot thought.

LILMESSINAROUND

Gapped to half, advanced a bit into lane, mild late interest. Hoping for a slice of it.

HES A NAVAJO

Brushed out well before half, shook off pocketeer in lane, caught wire, ouch. Deserves a slim call.

JOHNNY BE ON TIME

Out near half, lost cover soon-after, advanced on strong rival, stalled bit late. Maybe a piece of it.

HARRY FREDRICK

Parked past quarter, yielded past half, chased, to lane, urged, much best of the rest. William chose. Big shot as usual.

CENALTA COUGAR

TW-8/10-Out near half, attacked heavy fave to lane, held fair, Fresh Lasix noted. Extra time off. She can play too.

REAL ROKNROL

Sped from gate, yielded past quarter, stalked to lane, urged, surged, up. Now the outside post. Still worthy of support.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

5th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	HES A NAVAJO REAL ROKNROL
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	HES A NAVAJO
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LILMESSINAROUND
Closed Strongly last race	REAL ROKNROL
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	CENALTA COUGAR
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	HARRY FREDRICK (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	JOHNNY BE ON TIME
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	HES A NAVAJO REAL ROKNROL

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

right in late 2010, and when it was time for her to finish racing, he had a plan.

"He knew Sara's Lucky Charm was our favorite one and the best seller that we had at the time," said Lavon Miller. "After racing, he wanted to give her back to our daughters."

When Sara's Lucky Charm returned to the farm, Miller devised a plan where each of his five children would care for her and her foals and share in what the foals brought at auction.

He also gave them a choice: pay the stud fee and keep the Indiana breeder's awards, or let him cover the stud fee and he would keep the awards. In their first big business decision, they chose the former.

In 2012, Sara's Lucky Charm was bred to Rockin Image, but came up empty. The next season they opted to breed to Always A Virgin, producing a colt that would sell at the 2015 Hoosier Classic Yearling Sale, consigned by In Law Stable under the name Sonny D—later renamed Beckhams Z Tam after being acquired by Bill Matz. The colt brought \$19,000, and the proceeds were shared between Mary Jane, 17; Bethany, 16; Kaitlyn, 14; Caleb, 11; and Jared, 8. In 2016 the second foal from Sara's Lucky Charm would sell. This time In Law Stables consigned an Always A Virgin filly named Green Beans. She brought \$17,000 and produced one win in 2017 as a freshman.

The prospect of selling yearlings was exciting, but the 2017 racing and auction season took things to new heights for the family. First, that initial offering from the mare, now named Beckhams Z Tam, made a name for himself at

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

GOT TONE

Settled for soft 3hole trip, chased to lane, urged, no rally. Favorable draw. Maybe a sliver. LUCKY SEVEN OF LODI Shuffled to far turn, lugged wide midbend, driven to narrow gap late. Longshot type.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE

Moved from last to catch cover past half, angled wide into lane, some urging, away easily. Obvious threat for all again.

FEELING FANCY FREE

Rushed to catch gate, 2nd over near half, asked some far turn, driven, only fair. Third start back angle?

LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Parked eighth plus, attacked last half, urged to save place. Down the road she goes?

NO MORE STRUGGLES

1st over past quarter, long grind on rim, urged thru str, held fair. Undercard thoughts here.

VERY WESTERN

Sent hard, attacked into lane, faded bit in the tuner. Adds William. A question mark.

HOT A RENA

Led into turn, yielded midbend, tracked to lane, some traffic but not loaded. Nick's back. Plan from outside?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	GOT TONE A TRIBUTETO KATIE
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	VERY WESTERN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GOT TONE
Closed Strongly last race	A TRIBUTETO KATIE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	VERY WESTERN
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	FEELING FANCY FREE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	NO MORE STRUGGLES
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	GOT TONE A TRIBUTETO KATIE VERY WESTERN

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

Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, first in Indiana Sire Stakes competition, and later with his Breeders Crown triumph. Hours before Beckhams Z Tam would punch his ticket to the final, Miller's family sold a Rockin Image brother at the Hoosier Classic Sale. Cataloged as Hip No. 296, the colt was named Sunday Clothes.

"It was Sunday morning that she went in foal," Miller said. "We had the birth monitor on her, and we were going out the door to go to church and the alarm goes off. We ran out to the barn and sure enough she was foaling. So we foaled her in our Sunday clothes."

With the success of Beckhams Z Tam, Sunday Clothes attracted considerable attention and was hammered down for \$125,000, much to the excitement of the family.

"I didn't expect it," Mary Jane said.

"When it hit [six] digits, I think I started crying then. There were like 50 people telling me congratulations and I had no idea who they were."

The colt was purchased by a group that included trainer Erv Miller, Anthony Lombardi, Rocco Ruffolo and S&R Stable. When Sunday Clothes returned from the sale ring, Miller and the winning bidders in attendance came back to take pictures with and congratulate the children.

"There were some tears coming," Lavon said. "One of the biggest highlights was that the buyers all came back and took pictures."

There was a big crowd back here. Erv taking pictures with the girls. It was a lot of fun. It was an exciting day for us."

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

RSS EXPRESS

Left, shuffled bit, steadied into lane, broke while in some traffic. Undercard price stab?

SILVERLODE

Sped out near half, attacked far turn, no resistance, faded. Enough class relief to prove quite dangerous.

FRANKY PROVOLONE

Moved from last, not a good flow far turn, angled wide, driven, fair late. Adds chip. Post relief as well. Slice?

WINSOM KELLY

Hopped on long train, suffered poor flow far turn but wasn't loaded, only fair once free. Late speed specialist. User.

LIVID LUKE

Tried to leave, stalked to far turn, backed up by fading leader far turn, fair when clear. Nick's choice. Longshot.

DOUGS HOBBY HORSE

Took easy run to far turn, followed cover to lane, asked, broke, tough to gauge. Drops. One more possibility.

CADET

Looped, left 3wide, parked full 2nd over, 3wide into last bend, attacked to lane, held fair considering. Has speed. The plan?

FRANKS BEST

Left with many, backed up far turn, cleared, urged, closed okay. Probably coming from last. Needs luck.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

7th Race Computer Analysis

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

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

Despite the recent highs, the family has also experienced crushing lows. Sara's Lucky Charm lost a foal from the first crop of Time To Roll that would have sold in the fall. The mare is, however, back in foal to Rockin Image.

"We've learned that everything doesn't go the way you want it to," said Mary Jane.

At the Hoosier Classic Sale, the oldest daughter had expressed her interest in buying another mare to add to the broodmare band. Taking some of the proceeds from the sale and breeder's awards, the family did just that. At Harrisburg they purchased Somebeachsomewhere mare Misssomebeach Blue, p, 1:50.3 (\$300,360) for \$55,000. The acquisition would not have been possible without the success of Beckhams Z Tam and the sale of Sunday Clothes, and none of that could have happened without McGill giving Sara's Lucky Charm back to the Miller family.

"It seems like it was all set up from the beginning," said McGill. "It just happened to be their favorite horse and their best seller. It just keeps going and getting bigger and bigger."

Jamie Macomber on the move

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After 10 years managing Ron Burke's Indiana stable, Jamie Macomber has struck out on her own with her husband, Ricky.

by James Platz

As a child, Jamie Macomber had no interest in pursuing a career in harness racing. While some dreamed of

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

IF YOU SAY SO

Pushed half turn, settled for 3hole trip, mild traffic, urged late. James returns. Shot from rail?

YOU NAME IT

Parked eighth plus, yielded to retaker, popped out into lane, urged, tough. Missed week. Steps way up.

DELIGHTFULLY WILD

Bobbled briefly nearing start, parked eighth plus, yielded, stalked fave to lane, urged, up. Slim call here.

SHESAMYSTERYTOME

Left 3wide, parked turn, kept marching balance, nailed on the wire. Obviously dangerous too.

SPARKIN YOUR FIRE

Loose cover past half, urged in the lane, mild traffic, fair. Right trip gets her near.

SMASH

Took cover into far turn, brushed 3wide into lane, rallied fastest. Yet another to include in exotics.

WINDSONG LINDSEY

1st over past half, advanced into striking position but stalled bit in the needed tuner. Tighter now? Adds Nick.

HARE TO ETERNITY

Sat soft trip to the lane, no urging, held fair. Outside after long layoff. Needs one?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	DELIGHTFULLY WILD SHESAMYSTERYTOME SMASH
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	SMASH WINDSONG LINDSEY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SMASH
Closed Strongly last race	DELIGHTFULLY WILD SMASH
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	IF YOU SAY SO DELIGHTFULLY WILD SHESAMYSTERYTOME
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SHESAMYSTERYTOME (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	SPARKIN YOUR FIRE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SMASH

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.**

Race 9 News

growing up to be trainers or drivers, she dreamed of a corner office in a big high rise somewhere. The middle child of Ohio-based trainer Tim Rucker and his wife, Debbie, now finds herself at Hoosier Park Racing & Casino with a barn of 29 racehorses with more to follow. In her first season operating a public stable with her husband, Ricky, Macomber is loving the challenge of forging out on her own.

Many may know Macomber for her work with the Burke Stable's Indiana string. For 10 years she supervised Ron Burke's Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs stock, managing a barn of top-flight horses that included millionaire pacing mare Go On BB, Rose Run Parker, Indiana Sires Stakes champion and Trotter of the Year in the state, and the much-heralded Hannelore Hanover, Indiana Sires Stakes champion before earning the Dan Patch Award as the sport's top older trotter last season. After a six-year absence, Burke had to talk her into getting back in the barn. With a marketing degree from Ohio University, she had first worked at Indiana Downs before taking a role as outreach coordinator at the USTA. Her older sister, Kelly, and younger brother, Adam, always showed an interest in training horses. Macomber had other plans.

"I said from an early age I didn't want to do it," she explained of her career path. "I worked at the barn every summer. I enjoyed it, but when it was time for school, I was excited to go back."

Along the way, that corner office of her youth became a shed row full of pacers and trotters. It started with the invitation from Burke, whom she counted as a friend before he became her employer. She credits her parents with

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

SHARK FESTIVAL

Rode rail in return, inside last turn traffic, urged, solid come-backer. Obviously a major player.

LA DIVA DE ROSA

Took cover midfar turn, angled wide, urged, ran out of ground. Late speed her game.

CENALTA ARTISTRY

4th over near half, followed rival 3-4wide into lane, stalled deep str. Post relief noted.

MISS BANJOLINA

Parked eighth plus, braked to far turn, attacked into lane, faded final furlong. Sharp steps up.

PLACE AT THE BEACH

Left 3wide to midturn lead, yielded to fav's retake, popped pocket into lane, urged, held. Price drops back down.

RUSH AND A BRUSH

Rode rail to the lane, cleared, angled wide, late interest wire. Nick returns. Class relief too.

SWEET ONE

Tapped leaving to quick lead, yielded past quarter, tracked balance, some urging, easy 2nd best. Luke's back. Her plan?

NIGHTTRAIN TO VEGAS

Led early, brushed back quarter, attacked into lane, gave way grudgingly. Now #8 hole. Strategy?

HI FIDELITY

Left fast, yielded, tracked fav to lane, heavy traffic, cleared bit late. Adds chip. Hikes. Killer post.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	RUSH AND A BRUSH
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	CENALTA ARTISTRY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SHARK FESTIVAL
Closed Strongly last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA PLACE AT THE BEACH
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	HI FIDELITY
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	NIGHTTRAIN TO VEGAS (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	CENALTA ARTISTRY
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CENALTA ARTISTRY

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers

	Your Cost		
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teaching horsemanship skills that she applies today, but under Burke's guidance she gained "priceless" experience with top open and stakes horses.

"When I came back I learned his way from the ground up," she said. "With Ronnie there's not much grey area; most things are black and white. I cannot tell you how much I learned."

During her time spearheading the Indiana extension of the Burke Brigade, the stable racked up training titles at Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park, the latest coming last season at the Anderson track. From time to time, others would inquire if Macomber had entertained going out on her own. She was quick to shoot those conversations down. She loved her job, and she loved the horses with which she had been entrusted. Conversations two years ago, however, set events in motion that led to the new endeavor.

Trainer Wilbur Eash looked to slow down a bit. While he enjoyed developing young horses, the grind of traveling up and down the roads from northern Indiana in order to race were less appealing. He asked if the Macomers would be interested in keeping the horses and racing them at Hoosier Park during the season. When the Hoosier Park meet concluded, Macomber took Eash's homebreds, Indiana Sires Stakes champion Bluehourpower and his sister, Sandysgoldenhour, to Pompano to race over the winter. They also picked up older trotting mare Wild Wanda, trained and co-owned in partnership by the late Larry Rheinheimer. The winter of 2015 was productive for Macomber as she sent out 23 winners in 78 starts. Upon returning to Hoosier Park in spring 2016, she kept Wild

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SHEZ A SWIFT

Out well before half, gapped flow far turn, tired. Finally inside. Luke hops aboard.

SOUL DIVA

Led from gate, yielded, back out midfar turn, good trip, urged to save show. Tries Nick here. Thought.

CHILMA

Settled early, 1st over last turn, urged, many vying for place slot. One of many.

DOUBLE MYSTERY

Rode cones the trip, 3hole last turn, cleared, urged, only fair late stages. Drops back down.

ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN

Out near half, steadied bit from sluggish cover, had some late interest. One more thought.

MAJESTIC LASS

Far back, no rally in the needed tuner. Adds Tim.

SPEAK ENGLISH

Off gate pair, at back in the needed trip. Tighter now? Adds William.

PERFECT PITCH

Parked eighth, cover far turn, bad flow but not a late danger. Mooney's choice. Drops. Shot.

AWHIMAWAY

Saved all ground to the lane, urged, just fair. Adds Richard. Also drops but #9 woes.

MAGNIFIQUE

Left, parked past quarter to clear, attacked by winner into lane, faded out deep in the drive. Subsequently scratched. Plan from 10?



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10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	CHILMA AWHIMAWAY
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	MAGNIFIQUE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SOUL DIVA
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN (B) MAGNIFIQUE (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	SHEZ A SWIFT
Blocked or in trouble last race	ROCKINAROUNDHEAVEN PERFECT PITCH MAGNIFIQUE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	MAGNIFIQUE

- FAST TRACK:** The optimum condition for a dirt track, dry, fast and even.
- GOOD TRACK:** Condition between fast and slow, generally a bit wet.
- SLOPPY TRACK:** A track that is wet on surface with firm bottom.
- SLOW TRACK:** A track with some moisture in it that is not fast, between good and heavy.
- MUDDY TRACK:** Deep condition of racetrack after being soaked with water.
- HEAVY TRACK:** Condition of track when wet similar to muddy but slower.

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Wanda, campaigning her to a victory last fall in the \$50,000 Indiana Sires Stakes final and over \$160,000 in earnings.

"Wanda was a huge stepping stone. She opened up a lot of doors for me," the 37-year-old trainer offered. "You don't get to start with open horses very often."

As last season at Hoosier Park unfolded, Macomber began to entertain going out on her own. Eash was still interested in making a change. Being able to count on horses owned by Eash (Indy Lane Stable) and Z Tam Stable, and picking up another Indiana outfit, Eleven Star Stables, it was time to have the tough conversation with Burke, which she did in October. The talk was a friend-to-friend chat as much as it was an employer-employee exchange.

"He was very supportive. When I first told him he said, 'We'll talk about this later. You're not going to charge enough to make it.' It was a typical Type A response," she said, laughing. "We reviewed the horses, the owners, everything. He wanted to make sure I was setting myself up for success. That's exactly the way I took it and that's how he meant it."

Returning to Pompano for the winter, the pieces quickly came together in November and December. Macomber picked up horses over the winter while having another successful meet. Sending out 141 starters, the stable won 37 races and finished in the money 55 percent of the time. Now at Hoosier Park, Macomber's stable is tied for second in the standings just a few weeks into the 2017 meet with seven wins and nearly \$65,000 in earnings through Friday, April 21. One

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

ART GENTA

Took cover into far turn, good lead up, exploded late. Rail, what's not to like?

BAYLOR OUT

Out near half, cover into far turn, angled for the drive, solid rally, caught wire. Solid form. Must include too.

SAPIENT HANOVER

Tried to leave, took back, 1st over half, attacked to lane, faded from the skirmish. Adds Tony. Price stab?

DONDOUBTTHELAKERS

Looped leaving, tucked, out near half, brief cover to far turn, sped by leaders, nailed by flying foe. Nick hops aboard. Obvious danger.

BETTORS PROMISE

Left 3wide, stretched hard to clear, middle half breather, sped home, swarmed near wire. Luke's choice. One more must include.

ALMOST CUT MY HAIR

Sent under urging, pushed quarter, backed up badly far turn, loose late, urged, surged, wow. Sharp. Tough to rule out either.

JUSTABITCRAZY

Led into turn, braked, shook off last turn attacker, then another pair in lane, tough. Drops. Plan from outside?



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11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	ALMOST CUT MY HAIR
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	DONDOUBTTHELAKERS
Fastest last '1/4' last race	ART GENTA
Closed Strongly last race	ART GENTA BAYLOR OUT ALMOST CUT MY HAIR
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	BAYLOR OUT
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	DONDOUBTTHELAKERS (B) BETTORS PROMISE (B) JUSTABITCRAZY (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	BETTORS PROMISE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	ART GENTA BAYLOR OUT DONDOUBTTHELAKERS BETTORS PROMISE

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.

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of her early winners is the sophomore pacing colt Beckham's Z Tam, a North America Cup hopeful that Eash developed. The son of Always A Virgin is two-for-two with a 1:52.1 clocking to his credit.

"Right now he's doing it on his own," she said. "Wilbur deserves all the credit for getting him to this point."

The challenge of opening a public stable may be daunting on its own, but it's made tougher with two small children at home. The Macomers have a four-year-old son, Nate, and two-year-old daughter, Aubrey. In the morning while Macomber is at the barn working with four grooms and an assistant trainer, Ricky gets up with the kids and gets them ready. In the evenings she stays at home and follows the program while Ricky catch drives and helps with the horses scheduled to race that night. If they have several racing, Macomber will be in the paddock, but her children won't be far away.

"It's a good thing I don't like TV and I don't need a ton of sleep," Macomber said. "It also helps that I have an awesome husband!"

Macomber was apprehensive to step out on her own. Now that she has left the Burke nest, she is spreading her wings and soaring. The trainer is quick to credit those that have placed their trust, and horses, in her hands. She's a long way from that corner office she once dreamed about, but Macomber wouldn't have it any other way.

"I hope they all know how appreciative I am," she said. "I'm super excited!"

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

GENUINE DESIRE
Stuck last in compact crew, angled for the drive, no chance into quick quarter. Finally inside.

FIRE ON THE WATER
Took cover into the far turn, some urging, no rally. Longshot type.

LAISSEZMOIPICOLER
Rode cones at back, asked to keep up far turn, failed to get involved. Pretty good spot tonight. Beware.

KING OF THE SWAMP
Rode cones the whole trip, some late urging, just even. Steve returns. Another long-shot.

SILENT RESCUE
Came from afar, angled around gapper final bend, finished with some late interest. Slight drop. Pretty good spot too.

TOUCH OF THE PAST
2nd over past half, gapped flow far turn, urged. Chip returns to the bike. Segues from claimers.

CHIEF SARATOGA
Parked half turn, back out again final bend. Stalled. Nick's back. Usable.

REGINA BEACH
Out first 3/8s, cover near half, surged 3wide late far turn, solid rally, much best of the rest. Luke's choice. Major player despite outside.



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12th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	
Fastest time last race	SILENT RESCUE
Fastest win time this year	
Fastest win time last year	TOUCH OF THE PAST
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GENUINE DESIRE
Closed Strongly last race	SILENT RESCUE
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	GENUINE DESIRE CHIEF SARATOGA REGINA BEACH
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	GENUINE DESIRE SILENT RESCUE

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