

2021 HARNESS HORSE OF THE YEAR  
Test of Faith (David Miller)



# TIOGA DOWNS 2023 Media Guide

“The Pearl of The Southern Tier”



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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 Empire Breeders Classic for New York sired three-year-olds, more than 8 different divisions every year of the New York Sire Stakes for NY sired horses of ages 2 and 3. From Kentucky Derby day in May until September you can listen to the beat of the horses with live harness racing action as well as year round simulcast featuring top Thoroughbred and Harness racing action from all over North America. Combine all of that with a full casino, promotions, good food and drink, and top name entertainment, Tioga Downs Casino and resort is a great place to have fun at an affordable price.

### Tioga Downs Race Track Quick Facts

Track Circumference: 5/8 mile • Stretch Length: 540'

Distance to First Turn: 450' • First-Row Starters: 9 • Open Stretch: No

**Tioga's Takeout Rates are the lowest allowable by NY Law and are among the lowest in all of horse racing:**  
Win, Place, and Show: 15%. Exacta and Double: 17%. All other wagers: 21%.

### Casino Quick Facts

Slots: 893 • Games: Roulette, Blackjack, Craps and more • Minimum Age to Play: 21



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# LIVE HARNESS RACING RETURNS

## OPENING DAY **Saturday, May 6, Post Time 5:15pm**

<b>TIOGA DOWNS 2023 LIVE RACING CALENDAR</b>	<b>LIVE DATES</b>	<b>59</b>
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6:15PM
1:00PM
5:15PM

Pending regulatory approval:

MAY							11
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

JUNE							12
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

JULY							15
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27	28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER							9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	



### NY SIRE STAKES HIGHLIGHTS

- JUNE 9** NYSS 3-Year-Old Colt and Filly Trot
- JULY 16** NYSS 2-Year-Old Colt and Filly Trot
- JULY 23** NYSS 3-Year-Old Filly Pace
- AUGUST 20** NYSS 3-Year-Old Colt Pace
- AUGUST 27** \$500,000 Empire Breeders Classic Finals 3-Year-Old Colt and Filly Pace
- AUGUST 27** NYSS 2-Year-Old Filly Pace
- SEPTEMBER 2** NYSS 2-Year-Old Colt Pace
- SEPTEMBER 22** Reynolds 2-Year-Olds

Complete Stakes & Race information available at tiogadowns.com and vernondowns.com. Text MEADOWLANDS to 84700 for important Race Office info.



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## NEW YORK SIRE STAKES and EXCELSIOR SERIES ACTION

Every year Tioga Downs plays host to the New York Sire Stakes and Excelsior Series. This showcases some of the finest New York Bred 2-year-old and 3 year old standardbreds the industry has to offer.



## THE EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC

Conceived by Tioga Downs founder and owner Jeff Gural in 2007 it has become a highlight of each season and offers purses of \$1 million to NY bred 3-year-olds for each sex and gait. Tioga Downs will host the Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) for both the 3-year pacing colts and geldings as well as the 3-year-old pacing fillies on Sunday (August 27).

## EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC-PAST WINNERS

### New York-Sired 3-Year-Old Pacing Colts and Geldings

2022	All About The Hunt	Jordan Stratton	Ron Burke	1:50.0
2022	The Claw	Jim Morrill Jr.	Jake Leamon	1:51.1
2021	I'll Drink To That	David Miller	Chris Ryder	1:50.:2
2021	Town Gossip	Joe Bongiorno	Jenn Bongiorno	1:49.4
2020	Splash Brother	Tyler Buter	Ray Schnittker	1:50.2
2019	Hickfromfrenchlick	Matt Kakaley	Ray Schnittker	1:48.4
2018	*Courtly Choice	David Miller	Blake MacIntosh	1:48.3
2017	Heavens Gait	David Miller	Nick DeVita	1:49.2
2016	Fresh Cut	Marcus Miller	Erv Miller	1:51.1
2015	Rockin In Heaven	David Miller	Dr. Ian More	1:50.0
2014	He's Watching	Tim Tetrick	David Menary	1:49.1
2013	*Vegas Vacation	Brian Sears	Casie Coleman	1:48.3
2012	Heston Blue Chip	Tim Tetrick	Linda Toscano	1:50.2
2011	Fashion Delight	David Miller	Jim Campbell	1:50.2
2010	Dr Dreamy	Brian Sears	George Teague	1:51.0
2009	Hypnotic Blue Chip	Tim Tetrick	Mark Harder	1:50.3
2008	Bullville Powerful	Yannick Gingras	Stephen Crevani	1:51.1
2007	Kenneth J	Jim Morrill Jr.	Linda Toscano	1:51.0

### Empire Breeders Classic - Past Winners New York-Sired 3-Year-Old Pacing Fillies

2022	Valar Dohaeris	Mark MacDonald	Ake Svanstedt	1:52.2
2022	Max Contract	Andy Miller	Julie Miller	1:50.1
2021	Test Of Faith	David Miller	Brett Pelling	1:51.1
2020	Hen Party	Andrew McCarthy	Tony Alagna	1:49.2
2019	Zero Tolerance	David Miller	Joe Holloway	1:50.2
2018	Youaremycandygirl	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	1:50.4
2017	Obvious Blue Chip	Scott Zeron	Mark Steacy	1:50.2
2016	No Clouds Bluechip	Brent Miller	John Berger	1:50.1
2015	Mosquito Blue Chip	Jim Morrill Jr.	Paul Jessop	1:49.3
2014	Precocious Beauty	Doug McNair	Gregg McNair	1:51.1
2013	*Shebestingin	David Miller	Joe Holloway	1:49.0
2012	Bettor B Lucky	Jim Morrill Jr.	Ron Burke	1:50.0
2011	See You At Peelers	Marcus Johansson	Jimmy Takter	1:49.2

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# TRACK RECORDS

## Pacing Records

2C	He's Watching	2013	Jim Morrill Jr.	1:50.0
2F	Twin B Joe Fresh	2022	Dexter Dunn	1:50.4
2G	Cougar Bait	2016	Mike Simons	1:52.2
	Early Action	2021	Jason Bartlett	
3C	Courtly Choice	2018	David Miller	1:48.3
3F	Shebestingin	2013	David Miller	1:49.0
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 Jiggle It	2016	Montrell Teague	
AH	State Treasurer	2015	David Miller	1:47.2
AM	Camille	2013	Matt Kakaley	1:48.3
AG	Dealt A Winner	2017	David Miller	1:47.4

## Trotting Records

2C	Jack Vernon	2015	Corey Callahan	1:53.3
	The Gruffalo	2022	Dexter Dunn	
2F (t)	Destined To Dance	2020	Tyler Buter	1:54.4
2G	Tirade Hanover	2012	Brian Sears	1:55.4
3C	Helpisontheway	2018	Tim Tetrick	1:52.2
3F	Joviality	2022	Brian Sears	1:51.2
3G	Cool Papa Bell	2022	Tim Tetrick.	1:51.4
4H	Gimpanzee	2020	Brian Sears	1:51.2
4M	Emoticon Hanover	2017	Daniel Dube	1:50.2
4G	Bourbon Bay	2015	John Cummings	1:51.1
AH	Guardian Angel AS	2020	Tim Tetrick	1:50.4
AM	Pasithea Face S	2017	Tim Tetrick	1:50.4
AG	Will Take Charge	2018	Tim Tetrick	1:51.2

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# CREDITS

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