



TIOGA DOWNS

RACING

Media Guide

“The Pearl of the Southern Tier”



UNREASONABLE (*Marcus Miller*)
wins the \$200,650 EBC 3-year-old filly pace in 1:50.2
Fred Brown photo



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-old's, 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.

CASINO QUICK FACTS

Slots: 893

Games: Poker, Roulette, Blackjack, etc.

Minimum age to play:21

TIOGA DOWNS RACETRACK QUICK FACTS:

Track circumference: 5/8 mile

First-row starters: 9

Distance to first turn: 450'

Stretch length: 540'

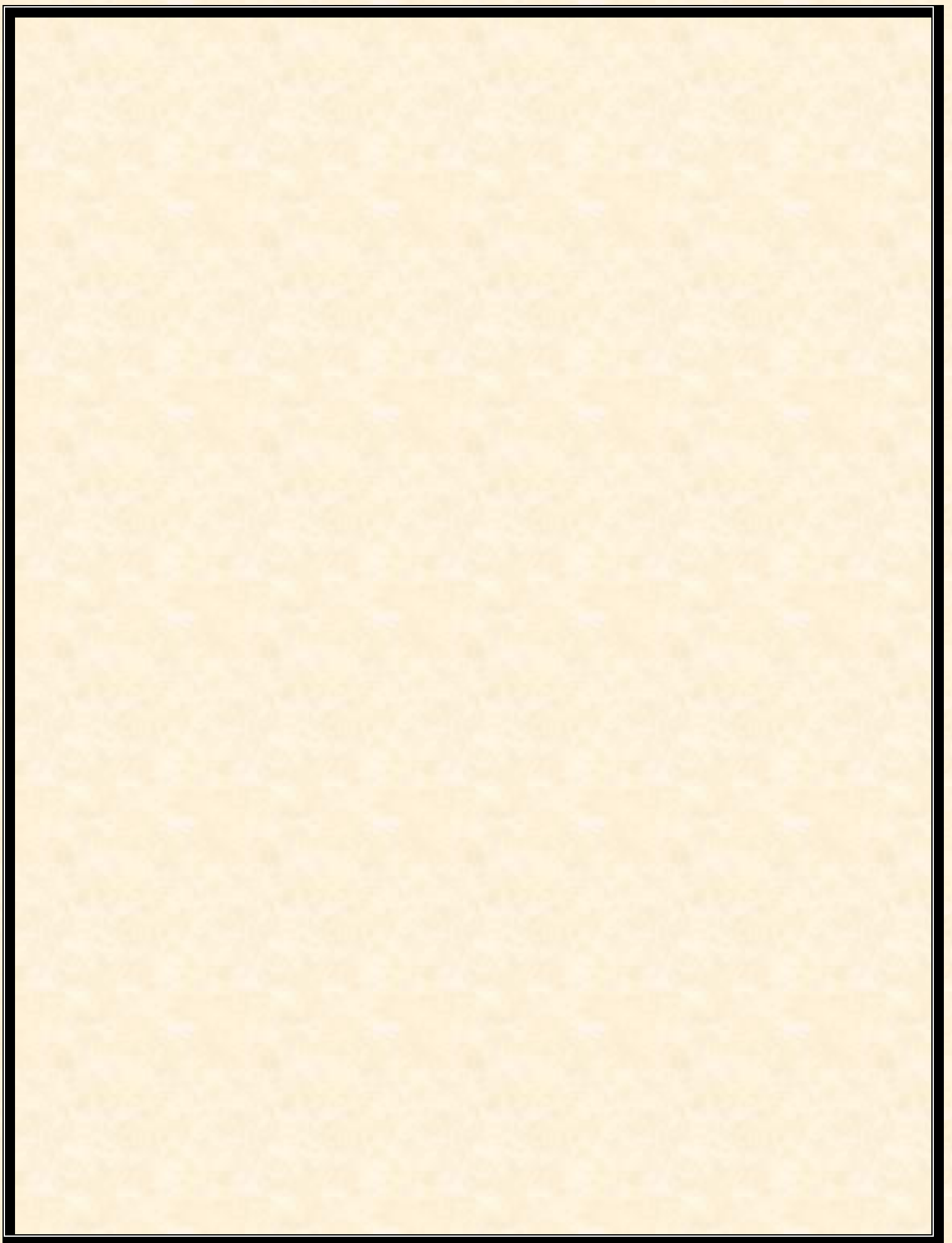
Open stretch: No

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%





2026 LIVE HARNESS RACING

OPENING DAY
MAY 2 POST TIME 5:15PM

TIOGA DOWNS 2026 LIVE RACING CALENDAR **LIVE DATES 61**

12:30PM
5:15PM
6:15PM
PENDING REGULATORY APPROVAL

MAY 14

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
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

JUNE 12

S	M	T	W	TH	F	SA
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

JULY 13

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 14

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

SEPTEMBER 8

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			



- JUNE 5: 3 Year Old Colt Trot
- JUNE 5: 3 Year Old Filly Trot
- JULY 18: 3 Year Old Colt Pace
- JULY 31: 2 Year Old Filly Pace
- JULY 31: 2 Year Old Filly Trot
- AUGUST 16: 2 Year Old Colt Trot
- AUGUST 23: 3 Year Old Filly Pace
- AUGUST 30: 2 Year Old Colt Pace



- AUGUST 30: \$500,000 EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC FINALS** 3 Year Old Colt and Filly Pace
- SEPTEMBER 11: REYNOLDS MEMORIAL**
All 2 Year Old Divisions
- SEPTEMBER 19: NY SIRE STAKES EXCELSIOR FINALS**
All Divisions

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MUST BE 21+ TO GAMBLE. GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL (877-8-HOPENY) OR TEXT HOPENY (467369). STANDARD RATES MAY APPLY. SCAN THE QR CODE TO TALK WITH SOMEONE NOW ABOUT YOUR GAMBLING.

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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 the finest New York Bred 2 and 3-year-old standardbreds.

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 24).

EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC – PAST WINNERS

(*STAKES RECORD)

NEW YORK-SIRED 3-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS AND GELDINGS

• 2025	Dandy Ideal	Jason Bartlett	Hunter Oaks	1:50.0
• 2024	Legendary Hanover	James MacDonald	Anthony Beaton	1:48.1*
• 2024	Howlenthehills	Matt Kakaley	Travis Alexander	1:50.3
• 2023	Huntinthelastdolar	Wally Hennessey	Gregg McNair	1:51.1
• 2023	Thunder Hunter Joe	Tyler Buter	Nick DeVita	1:50.3
• 2022	The Claw	Jim Morrill, Jr.	Jake Leamon	1:51.1
• 2022	All About The Hunt	Jordan Stratton	Ron Burke	1:50.0
• 2022	The Claw	Jim Morrill, Jr.	Jake Leamon	1:51.1
• 2021	Town Gossip	Joe Bongiorno	Jenn Bongiorno	1:49.4
• 2021	I'll Drink To That	David Miller	Chris Ryder	1:50.2
• 2020	Splash Brother	Tyler Buter	Ray Schnittker	1:50.0
• 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

• 2025	Unreasonable	Marcus Miller	Erv Miller	1:50.2
• 2024	Tarrific	Jason Bartlett	Chris Ryder	1:51
• 2024	A Few Choice Words	Jordan Stratton	Blake MacIntosh	1:52
• 2023	Twin B Joe Fresh	Dexter Dunn	Chris Ryder	1:51.3
• 2023	Vivians Dream	Wally Hennessey	Kevin Lare	1:52
• 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



TIOGA DOWNS TRACK RECORDS

Pace

***State Treasurer 2015 David Miller 1:47.2**

2C He's Watching 2013 Jim Morrill, Jr. 1:50
2F Twin B Joe Fresh 2022 Dexter Dunn 1:50.4
2G Huntingforchrome 2023 Tyler Buter 152.1
3C Legendary Hanover 2024 James MacDonald 1:48.1
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 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

Trot

***Emoticon Hanover 2017 Daniel Dube 1:50.2**

2C Jack Vernon 2015 Corey Callahan 1:53.3 & The Gruffalo 2022 Dexter Dunn
2F Destined To Dance 2020 Tyler Buter 1:54.4
2G Tirade Hanover 2012 Brian Sears 1:55.4 & Executive Game 2023 Wally Hennessey
3C Helpisontheway 2018 David Miller 1:52.2
3F Joviality S 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, Jr. 1:52.1
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

