



E-NEWS AND E-NOTES FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 6th, 2026

## *Tis a far, far more Noble thing you do...*

He was representing five generations of drivers in his family when Dan Noble scored a record-breaking night at Northfield on Saturday as it left the Ancients in awe as his total for the night was 11.

The other teamsters in the multi-talented Northfield colony tried their durndest but Noble still rattled off 10-in-a-row in Ohio... 10 straight in the Buckeye State. Not an easy feat.

The 43-year-old Noble is currently in third place in the North American standings and hails from Xenia 15 miles east of Dayton at the Greene County Fairgrounds as he, and his trainer/wife Christi put out solid winners week after week.



*The Matinees are coming...*

**CELINA MAY 9<sup>th</sup> at NOON**

**(Mercer County Fairgrounds)**

**(419) 586-5820**

**GREENVILLE MAY 16<sup>th</sup> at NOON**

**(Darke County Fairgrounds)**

**(937) 548-9977**

**WASHINGTON C.H. MAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOON**

**(Fayette County Fairgrounds)**

**(740) 572-6107**

**URBANA MAY 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.**

**(Champaign County Fairgrounds)**

**(937) 653-2640**

**BUCYRUS MAY 31st at 11 a.m.**

**(Crawford County Fairgrounds)**

**(419) 569-7008**

### **HEAVY HITTERS**

DRIVER	WINS	U.D.R.S
<b>AARON MERRIMAN</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>.356</b>
<b>JASON BARTLETT</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>.458</b>
<b>DAN NOBLE</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>.410</b>
<b>BRETT BECKWITH</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>.346</b>
<b>DAVID MILLER</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>.295</b>
<b>JUSTIN IRVINE</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>.259</b>
<b>RON WRENN JR</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>.383</b>
<b>CHRIS PAGE</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>.297</b>
<b>TRACE TETRICK</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>.290</b>
<b>TIM TETRICK</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>.413</b>

### **TOPS IN NORTH AMERICA**

**THOSE IN RED ARE OHIO BASED**

## *Mon cheri amour...*

A two-year-old filly by Speedy Scott who made ONE break all winter after she finally found herself. And covered the ground easily.

In May the \$115,000 wonder went to the Baby Races at Brandywine in Delaware and ran into another little buzzsaw by Speedy Scott named **Sail By**, foaled in Wooster, Ohio and trained by Delvin Miller. Mon Cheri finished 3<sup>rd</sup> then 2<sup>nd</sup>.

“She’ll be okay, it’s just baby races” thought I but the words of Doc Churchill still rung in my head from that last exam: “She has no development in these muscles” he said as he pointed to her shoulder. “She’ll never be able to maintain speed.”

We would call her “slab-shouldered” but after her winter of outstanding miles nobody wanted to hear that. Especially me.

“I think you’re wrong Doc,” Stanley even said with a grin, “she’ll have time to fill out.”

“Yes,” I smiled as I eyed the man who was a Professor of Veterinary Science *EIGHT* years before I was born, “what in HELL does he know!?!”

Our trip out to Wolverine Raceway outside of Detroit was my furthest venture West at that time and we clung to Chet Dentler, the “old timer” who had rubbed Speedy Play, Bonefish, and now Nevele Thunder, as he showed us rookies around. He was in his glory. We had a good crew on the Grand Circuit that year (1976) and we all got along.

Come race night Stanley put her on the front end and cut the mile aiming for a National Season’s Record in her very first Stake Race... 3/4s in 1:32.1 but halfway down that long stretch - where muscle fatigue always shows up – she reduced to a crawl & trotted a mile in 2:08 on her hands & knees.

Good night, Irene.

Stanley himself was in shock. I was devastated. But he knew that was it for the year. She was turned out to grow yet would only take a mark of 2:05.3f at 3 & earned just a mere \$1,620 lifetime.

How do you like that one, Pilgrim?



When **Brandywine Raceway** opened in 1952 it was the jewel of the Delaware Valley and, aside from employing numerous future Hall of Famers, was the track where exactas and trifectas were first introduced.

Located in Wilmington, Delaware it was an immediate success and so many fine races were held there bringing in huge crowds. The signature race in May was the *\$100,000 Battle of Brandywine* which attracted the top 3-year-olds for the initial major stake of the year.

The grounds, clubhouse, and barn area were spotless, and an all-star ensemble of PR and pressmen assured the action was always in the news. Legendary announcer **Roy Schudt** called the races as **Colonel Dave Herman** and his staff came up with unique promotions. Before it closed its door in 1989 many a number of great horses and horsemen post paraded there.

**Who was the final champion to win the Battle of Brandywine on their way to the Little Brown Jug that September?**

- A) Goalie Jeff (1989)
- B) Barberry Spur (1986)
- C) Niatross (1980)

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