

In the KnOw in Ohio

E-NEWS AND E-NOTES FOR MONDAY DECEMBER 22nd 2025

*Happy
Holidays*



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

PACERS

2pc BEAU JANGLES p1:48.3

2pf LOU DIPA p1:48

3pc LOUPRINT p1:46.3

3pf MIKI AND MINNI p1:48.2

aph ERVIN HANOVER p1:46.2

apm TWIN B JOE FRESH p1:47.3

TROTTERS

2tc APEX 1:51.4

2tf SET YOUR SIGHTS HIGH 1:53.1

3tc SUPER CHAPTER 1:50f

3tf YO TILLIE 1:50.2

ath LEXUS CODY 1:49.1

atm WARRAWEE MICHELLE 1:50f

WHO WILL BE HORSE OF THE YEAR?

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While there have been numerous repeat winners for the Horse of the Year since its inception in 1947, who was the first to earn half a million?

- A) Good Time**
- B) Scott Frost**
- C) Adios Butler**

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Under the Mistletoe...



It was fifty years ago this month that I jogged a yearling filly by *Most Happy Fella* for the first time. While they said that she was "light in the hind end" (kicks) she never showed that "side" to me and it was the start of a journey that would take us to heights beyond our dreams.

I watched her develop from a somewhat spindly two-year-old into a rugged 3-year-old who would sweep the Pacing Filly Triple Crown of 1977. While she was beat a head by *Big Towner* in the \$228,000 OTB Classic at Monticello, the highlight of her career was when she captured the Jugette in Delaware, Ohio in straight heats. She would earn the distaff honors of the year.

Mistletoe Shalee raced against some very tough mares as a four-year-old such as *Future Fame*, *Luannes Jewel*, *Au Clair*, *Mary Mel* and her male opponents were Champions *Rambling Willie*, *Governor Skipper*, *Town Drunk*, *Battling Brad* and *Seatrain* before retiring with over a half million dollars in earnings (\$2.4 million today) and a then record 25 two-minute miles in her 38 lifetime wins.

Shalee was tough, gutsy, and could be rambunctious but would show up to work week after week as she set numerous track records over every size oval and was on-the-board in 57 of her 65 lifetime starts.

The most impressive thing about *Shalee*? She put up with me for those three years.

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