

Harness the Stars!!



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Barn Notes

Pat DeLong

Hits 100 Wins

Harness racing action kicked off last week at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in Elkhorn. Topping the day's events was Pat DeLong who drove Colemanandthesea to a two length victory in the afternoon's sixth race. The victory was the 100th win in the 28-year-old's career.

DeLong began driving competitively when he was 15, but until recently, those drives have been mostly at the Wisconsin and Illinois fairs. DeLong's most memorable season came in 2001 while driving Fox Valley Sting at the Illinois fairs. The duo combined for 12 consecutive victories, topped off with a win in the Downstate Classic at Springfield.

He continues to drive and train horses while exporting containerized grain for the family owned business, The DeLong, Co.

Fox Valley Windy

Blistering Last Half

Fast race miles are not uncommon in the State of Wisconsin, and neither are blistering half mile times. However, it is unusual to see them so early in the racing season – especially the first meet of the year! Fox Valley Windy turned in a wire to wire performance at Elkhorn last week, piloted by Danny Carey of Mineral Point. After getting them to the half in 1:04.4, Danny put the pedal down and began to draw off on the competition. Windy turned in a :30.1 third quarter and an astonishing :28.2 final panel to win by 4 lengths in a time of 2:03.2. The last half was a tick faster than the last half paced here last year by Finn Jet in his track record performance.

See You Back Here in a Month!

July 30th – Post time: 1:00 pm

Pretty In Pink

Wisconsin can count on one hand the number of female drivers that have competed here over the past decade. So when the crowd recognizes a horse and driver decked out in pink on the race track, they immediately become a fan favorite. Amber Sawyer did not disappoint the Elkhorn fans as she drove Khaki's Fancy to a length and a quarter victory last Saturday against all male opponents.

Khaki went to the gate 16 times last season and never pulled home a victory, but it looks like he was well rested for his 2011 debut. After sitting 4th most of the mile, Amber carefully moved up the rail down the backstretch before fanning three-wide turning for home. The crowd was cheering for Amber, and she was screaming herself as she crossed the wire in triumph. Amber's previous win as a driver came in 2001 behind eventual Pacer of the Year, JE's Two Munch.

Amber generally hands the reins over to a catch driver, but it looks like Khaki likes that woman's touch of pink. Let's keep an eye on this duo throughout the racing season.



IA County Fair Consolidates Racing Monday, Sept. 5th – 1:00 pm

Don't forget race dates have changed for the Iowa County Fair this year! Racing will be consolidated to one action-packed day full of racing, pick-a-winner, prizes, fan interaction, and much more!

Be sure to note the change!