

Boogie Shuffle

Bay Gelding 3, by Well Said – Ciela Hanover – Real Artist



OWNERS: Fox Hollow Farm [Robert Tambur] Shavertown, PA
BREEDER: Fox Hollow Farm, PA
SALE: Homebred
TRAINER: Mark Harder **DRIVER:** Scott Zeron

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	7	1	0	4	\$25,916	1:50.3F
2016	13	1	6	3	\$155,464	1:54F
LIFETIME	20	2	6	7	\$181,380	1:50.3F

- Boogie Shuffle left from post eight in the Pace Elimination, finished seventh and secured the final qualifying spot. He drew post eight, which is six for 40 [15%] in Pace Finals.
- "We're still trying new things on this horse to have him give us a maximum effort," driver Zeron said after the Pace elimination. "I think I have a horse that can compete with these horses, just the matter of what type of trip I get and if he wants to give me his A-Game.
- After another third in a Hempt elimination he finished ninth in the Hempt final.
- Boogie Shuffle began his sophomore season with three straight third place finishes in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes, then took a mark of 1:50.2 in an overnight race at Pocono Downs on June 12.
- As a freshman in 2016, Boogie Shuffle only had one win in 13 starts, but proved quite competitive with the sport's top rookie pacers, twice finishing second to both Pace favorite Huntsville and fellow world champion Fear The Dragon. He also finished fifth in the Breeders Crown and a close third as the beaten favorite in the Matron Final.
- Bob Tambur enjoys watching his horses compete, but even more than that he delights in simply watching them grow up. "I just have a love for raising these horses. I get a big kick out of it," said Tambur, a northeast Pennsylvania resident. "I tell Mark [trainer Mark Harder] all the time, I get as big a kick out of breeding these horses as I do watching them race. I get a kick out of seeing how they turn out. It's more special when they do well, but I'm just so happy to be competitive."
- Tambur, whose business ventures include a financial company and real estate development, got started in harness racing a little more than 20 years ago and enjoyed success in the mid-1990s with stakes-winning female pacer Sweetgeorgiabrown. Other notable horses have included stakes winner Sutter Hanover (in partnership) and hard-knocking homebred Bullet Bob, who has earned more than \$400,000.

- Tambur thought highly of Boogie Shuffle from the time he was born. "I saw that horse an hour after he was born and he was standing up and he was so correct," Tambur said. "From day one, he looked fabulous; from hour one. I always felt because of how correct he was that he was going to be a well-gaited horse."
- Boogie Shuffle's sire Well Said won the Pace from the same post [three] in 2009 as Pacer of the Year, and scored his first Pace siring credit in 2016 with Control The Moment, who held on by a nose as the heavy favorite.
- Scott Zeron is making his fourth appearance in the Meadowlands Pace and looking for his first check.
- The Scott Zeron juggernaut soared to new heights in 2016 in a dream season of firsts. The Money Man captured his first Meadowlands driving title with 92 wins. The 28-year-old Canadian also won his first Hambletonian in straight heats with Marion Marauder. That son of Muscle Hill also won the Trotting Triple Crown and was voted Trotter of the Year. Zeron also picked up his first Breeders Crown with Call Me Queen Be, and joined the \$80 million club with his first \$8 million season. Marion Marauder made a triumphant return to the Big M with a rousing 1:51.2 career best from post nine in the Graduate Final on July 8.
- Zeron made the right move at the right time when he ventured to the New Meadowlands after leading all drivers on the WEG circuit in 2013. The 2012 Rising Star Award winner caught the eye of trainer Tony Alagna, picked up a plum assignment behind the outstanding pacer Artspeak and Zeron's career took off. Zeron became the youngest to win a Little Brown Jug in 2012 with Michael's Power at age 21 and youngest to hit 2,000 wins at age 23. He has now won almost 3,200 races and more than \$54 million in purses. His fastest drive came in the 2016 US Pacing Championship when Shamballa stormed home to a 9-1 upset in 1:47.1.
- Boogie Shuffle is Mark Harder's sixth Pace finalist. Harder will always be remembered for sending out the longest shot in Meadowlands Pace history in 2004. Holborn Hanover, driven by Jim Morrill, Jr. paid \$119 on a win ticket.
- 2016 was the sixteenth consecutive year the Mark Harder Stable earned over \$1 million, and the Harder highlight reel was led by lucrative exploits of multiple stakes winning pacing filly Blue Moon Stride. The three-year-old daughter of Rocknroll Hanover piled up major victories in the \$100,000 NJSS Final, the \$157,400 Mistletoe Shalee, the \$85,000 Thomas D'Altrui and a \$73,000 division of the Bluegrass. She was also a close second in the \$300,000 James M. Lynch Memorial and finished third in the \$350,000 Valley Forge. Harder also passed 1,800 in career wins and \$40 million in 2016
- Harder grew up in a small community of Johnsonville, New Zealand. His parents owned a kiwi and avocado orchard, and Harder originally thought he would go to college to earn a degree in agriculture. "Then I got the horse bug, and much to my parents' dismay, started working with horses after finishing high school."

- Harder apprenticed with some of New Zealand's top horsemen, and in the late 1980s was asked to travel to Chicago with a group of horses to be sold. Harder traveled back and forth to the US on a regular basis for several years before giving Los Angeles a try. Upon the recommendation of Ross Croghan, whom he knew in California, Harder went to work for Bob Murphy's large standardbred contingent in British Columbia for three years. Problems with his work visa forced Harder to return to the US, and he went to work for Croghan's powerful stable in New Jersey.
- Harder went out on his own in 2000, and with the backing owners such as Brian Nixon and Aubrey Friedman, his stable quickly swelled. Harder ascended to the top of the training ranks in 2004, winning his first Big M title during the January-August meet. That year, he posted personal highs of 281 wins and \$6,855,875.