



FUNTIME BAYAMA

Brown Gelding 3, by He's Watching – Tymal Sugarbabydoll – Shadow Play

OWNERS: William Pollock, Freehold, NJ, Bruce Areman, Freehold, NJ, Andrew Harris, Allentown, NJ

BREEDER: Bayama Farms Inc., Quebec

SALE: Homebred sold privately prior to Pace elimination

TRAINER: Andrew Harris

DRIVER: Dexter Dunn

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2024	7	4	2	1	\$211,681	1:49.1 Wbsb
2023	7	4	2	1	\$182,767	1:50.1 Wbsb
LIFETIME	14	8	4	2	\$394,448	1:49.1 Wbsb

- Will be leaving from post two in the final. Listed at odds of 7-2.
- Harris after the elimination, “You can’t fault the effort; the effort was great. It was a completely different drive than what the horse has ever gotten, so he showed versatility that way. To be honest, it’s not the trip I want to see, but it tells me that when we do get in sticky situations, we can change things up and we’ve got a horse for the course. That makes him the total weapon.

It (the trip) is just the way it goes sometimes. They were all smoking out of there and Dex wanted to keep him calm and cool, because once he started him up, he was going to be part of it.

I’m thrilled with the way he raced, and Dexter was thrilled with the way he raced. We’ll make a few little changes for next week, and I think he will be good for next week. He raced gigantic. I think we’ll see a better horse next week because I don’t think that trip will hurt him. He had a helmet for five-eighths of the mile, so I think he’ll be all right there.”

- Funtime Bayama attacked first over on the far turn, dueled with Nijinsky past three-quarters in 1:21.1 and into the stretch. However, Nijinsky stood his ground and repelled his outside challenger by three-quarters of a length in a career-best of 1:47.3. Funtime Bayama finished second and hasn’t missed the board in 14 career starts.
- A blockbuster private sale finds this one in a new barn. These same owners acquired big-time performers Abuckabett Hanover, Seven Colors and El Rey in the last two years.



- Andrew Harris on the horse coming into the Pace eliminations: “I wouldn’t mind being on the front. This horse is a great horse and Dexter is a great driver. There’s not a lot to know about him. Keep him sound and happy, and let Dexter do his thing.”
- Won his North America Cup elimination over Pace contender Legendary Hanover in 1:50.1, before shaking loose late and finishing third in the final behind Pace contenders Nijinsky and Captain’s Quarters.
- Set a personal best of 1:49.1 in his Somebeachsomewhere division at Woodbine Mohawk Park on June 1.
- Started his three-year-old campaign two-for-two in Ontario SBOA action, and followed up with a second-place finish in an Ontario Sire Stakes leg.
- Started his career with two second-place finishes in Ontario Sire Stakes action before rattling off four straight wins, including three in the ONSS and a division of the Nassagawey, all at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He finished the year with a third-place finish in the Ontario Sire Stakes Super Final., earned \$182,767 and took a mark of 1:50.1 as a freshman.
- In 2024, Dexter Dunn won 214 races, and his \$10,834,427 in purse earnings ranked him fourth in North America with a .302 UDRS. Dunn drove Dan Patch Award winner Jiggy Jog S to her second straight win in a Breeders Crown, and Dunn scored additional upsets in that series with Gem Quality and My Girl EJ. Dunn also won a pair of FanDuel Championships with Jiggy Jog S and Twin B Joe Fresh.
- Dexter Dunn relocated to North America from his native New Zealand after dominating the Down Under competition in 2019. He captured four straight Dan Patch Driver of the Year awards from 2019-2022. On June 29, 2024, he eclipsed 2,000 US driving wins and has over \$66.6 million in earnings.
- Dunn’s best Meadowlands Pace finish came in 2019 with Bettor’s Wish, where he finished second. In 2020, he finished tenth with Major Betts, eighth-placed seventh with Rockyroad Hanover in 2021, eighth with Market-Based in 2022, and fourth in 2024 with Fulton.
- Andrew Harris is looking for his first Meadowlands Pace win. His only other Pace finalist was Jimmy Freight in 2018, who finished fourth.
- Trainer Andrew Harris, 39, is from Hamilton, Ontario. The former assistant to Casie Coleman has over 1,000 training wins and has earnings of nearly \$21 million.



- Andrew Harris won 50 races and \$1,686,739. His top horses included Abuckabett Hanover, Seven Colors, Timestorm, Tyga Hanover, Legal Scholar, Arden Messi N, and El Rey.
- Sire He's Watching won the Meadowlands Pace in 2014 with a stakes record of 1:46.4.

