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**Art Rooney Pace Pays Homage to Steelers Founder,  
Rooney Family Patriarch on May 28 at Yonkers Raceway;  
Commemorative Key Chain, Free Wager Highlight Tribute**

**Yonkers, New York** - The **Art Rooney** Pace remembers the venerable Hall of Fame founder of the **Pittsburgh Steelers** annually at **Yonkers Raceway**, and this year's 26<sup>th</sup> edition will gather the eight top three-year-olds in training on Saturday night, **May 28**, for a purse of **\$300,000**.

**Empire City Casino's** historic half-mile harness racing oval will salute "The Chief" with a pair of promotions paying homage to the Rooney Family patriarch. The first **2,000 Empire Club** members (one per member while supplies last) to visit a promotions booth beginning at 4:00pm will receive a custom commemorative **Art Rooney Key Chain**, depicting Mr. Rooney smoking his omnipresent cigar.

And since the Steelers are 6-time Super Bowl champions, Yonkers Raceway will be offering a free way to play through its **Empire City Bets ADW portal**: the number—6—turns into **\$60 in free triple wagers** for Empire City Bets members on the Art Rooney final, the premier stakes event for three-year-olds. Visit [www.EmpireCityBets.com](http://www.EmpireCityBets.com) for accompanying rules, regulations, and complete details.

"The Chief" had a passion for both football and horseracing, so the tribute to the great sportsman each year is fitting and appropriate. The Rooney family purchased Yonkers Raceway in 1972, and Art's son **Timothy J. Rooney** has been the famed harness track's president and CEO since then. **Tim Rooney, Jr.**, another product of Pittsburgh, is Art's grandson and Empire City Casino's General Counsel. Legend has it that Art parlayed \$10 into \$300,000 during a two-track winning streak in 1936 – starting at the old Empire City Trotting Club and ending in historic Saratoga – monies that financed the Steelers into a football powerhouse.

The \$40,000 Art Rooney Pace elimination will be contested this Saturday night, May 21, at Yonkers, with a group of nine sophomore pacers vying for a berth in the finale. Here's the field and drivers:

1. MISSILE J, Tim Tetrick
  - a. ARTMAGIC, George Brennan
2. NO SHAME BLUE CHIP, Jason Bartlett
3. RODEO ROCK, Dan Dube
4. TAP INTO POWER, Jason Bartlett also listed
5. AUTOTUNE HANOVER, Tyler Buter
6. YANKEE ARTILLERY, George Brennan also listed
7. TAILGUNNER HANOVER, Ray Schnittker
8. MANNY, Brian Sears

**About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:**

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com) or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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