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**\$1 Million Yonkers International Trot on Saturday afternoon,
October 15, at Yonkers Raceway is 38th Edition**
European Horses Arrive at JFK Airport on Wednesday, October 5

Yonkers, New York - The 10 premier trotters in the world take center stage in the 38th edition of the **Yonkers International Trot** on Saturday afternoon, **October 15**, at America's most historic harness racing venue, **Yonkers Raceway**. The **\$1 million** purse, as it was last year, is the richest trotting race in both New York State and Yonkers Raceway history.

Empire City Casino and raceway president and CEO **Timothy J. Rooney** revived the Yonkers International with great fanfare last October 10 after a two-decade hiatus. The prestigious global trotting affair was inaugurated in 1959 at Roosevelt Raceway, and Yonkers became its new home in 1989 when Rooney brought the stakes to Westchester County upon Roosevelt's closing.

Last year's revitalization was buoyed by the advent of the French-hub simulcast wagering on Yonkers' trotting races to Europe, which began in 2014 and has been embraced with tremendous enthusiasm. **Papagayo E. of Norway** became the first trotter to win the Yonkers' International when he swooped to the lead in the final strides for driver **Ulf Ohlsson** to capture the renewal of the 1-¼ mile endurance test.

The United States, Canada, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark will be among the countries represented, vying for the title of world champion.

Post time for the matinee card is at 1:10 PM.

The European invaders are scheduled to depart for New York's JFK Airport from [Liège](#) Airport in eastern Belgium, close to German city of Düsseldorf, next Wednesday, October 5. The transcontinental flight is a distance of 5960 kilometers or 3,703.4 miles, and the journey travelled takes eight hours and 55 minutes.

America's hopes rest on the strong shoulders of the trotting mare **Hannelore Hanover**. A \$32,000 bargain purchase, the millionaire mare has already beaten the boys on two occasions, including the Hambletonian Maturity (Meadowlands), and in her elimination of the Maple Leaf Trot (Mohawk), before finishing second (to Resolve) in the Maple Leaf final. The four-year-old Indiana-bred daughter of Swan for All will be making her Yonkers and half-mile track debut in the global affair. "Hannelore" Hanover has 14 wins and two seconds in 16 tries this season, and has won 23 of her 37 career starts for career earnings of \$1,091,685, and \$786,111 this season. Her lifetime-best 1:51 effort was registered at Mohawk in the final of the Armbrø Flight in June. **Yannick Gingras** drives for co-owners trainer **Ron Burke** (Burke Racing), **Weaver Brusceci**, **Frank Baldachino** and **J&T Silva Stables**.

Sweden's **On Track Piraten** and Italy's **Oasis Bi** return for their second attempts at International fame. Oasis Bi was a fast closing fourth, while On Track Piraten wound up seventh in last year's Yonkers International after an overland journey. A second Italian flag-carrier, **Ringostarr Treb**, and Denmark's **Tano Bork** also hope to make their presence felt. The 2015 International Trot champ **Papagayo E**, is sidelined by injury and unable to defend his title.

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