

American History wins Quillen Memorial

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Harrington, DE – Brittany Farms, Marvin Katz and American History Racing's American History (\$10.20, Joe Bongiorno) was a 1:49.3 winner in the 13th Annual \$150,000 Bobby Quillen Memorial Pace at Harrington Raceway Monday (Sept. 16).

It is the biggest race of the year at the half-mile racetrack, named in honor of long-time Delaware legislator Bobby Quillen, who passed away in 2006. Quillen was an avid supporter of harness racing and was also a board member at Harrington Raceway.



American History won the 13th Annual \$150,000 Bobby Quillen Memorial Pace at Harrington Raceway Monday. Photo by Fotowon.

American History, a 4-year-old [American Ideal](#) stallion wore down pacesetter None Bettor A in deep stretch for a narrow win. Sectionline Bigry was third. It was the fourth fastest mile ever at Harrington, behind Wiggle It Jiggleit (1:49), [Betterthancheddar](#) (1:49.2) and Clear Vision (1:49.2).

American History was forced three-wide after cover stalled near three-quarters and continued a steady gain on None Bettor A before out kicking him late. None Bettor A set fractions of :26.4, :55 and 1:22.4 while Backstreet Shadow pressured first over before retreating.

Delaware Governor John Carney was in attendance, in addition to several other legislators as well as Delaware Secretary of Finance Rick Geisenberger and Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse.

Racing fans were also treated to the presence of three-time Quillen Memorial winner, Foiled Again, who was available for meet-and-greet trackside. Foiled Again, the richest Standardbred of all-time, is now enjoying retirement but has a generous temperament that has lent itself to a number of continued racetrack interactions with fans thanks to his connections, which include trainer Ron Burke. Local television host Heather Vitale was instrumental in scheduling Foiled Again's visit.