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## **Middlesex Madness Ends Saturday**

LONDON, Ontario . . . The three weeks of Middlesex Series action at Western Fair Raceway concludes tomorrow evening with four competitive finals featured as part of the track's richest night of racing during their ongoing fall meet.

Starters in the finals of the Series, which is for Ontario-sired performers, four-year-olds and younger, trotters and pacers, who were non-winners of \$10,000 lifetime as of September 15, were determined by two preliminary legs held over the past two weeks.

The first division, worth \$49,900 and for trotting fillies and mares, will see Another Vixen attempt to sweep having won her first two legs in decisive fashion. Trainer Shane Weber will once again drive the three-year-old daughter of Kadabra for owners Elizabeth and Tom Rankin. Another Vixen, who has standings of 4-2-1 in nine starts this year, drew the rail in her final, race four on the program.

The pacing mares are next on the docket in the \$52,300 fifth race final and it also has a filly at post one who could sweep her division. Smashbox has won both her preliminary legs, the most recent by more than seven lengths, and leaves from the rail with Mike Sumner in the bike. Jim Ainsworth trains the three-year-old daughter of Mach Three for his father Larry of Petrolia, Ontario who co-owns with longtime partners Bill Boden of BC and Martwest Racing Stable of Mississauga, Ontario.

The male performers start their Middlesex action in race seven, the \$48,400 final for trotter which will see local colt Once A Thief attempt to redeem himself after making a miscue in last week's preliminary leg. The three-year-old colt by Dr Ronerail won his opening leg by two lengths which was his third straight victory. Greg Dustin trains and drives Once A Thief, who has drawn post two, for owners Roy Knight of St. Thomas and Gerald Crossan of London. Another colt to watch in this division is Ba Ba Kada who has captured both his Middlesex legs for trainer/driver Tom Durand who shares ownership of the three-year-old colt by Kadabra with his wife June.

The fourth Middlesex Final, \$49,600 race nine, finds the pacing horses going postward. Two horses have the potential to sweep in this division. Larjon Barty, a two-year-old gelding by Tuxedo Charlie, has won both his legs by a total of eight lengths for trainer Ron Kerr, driver Trevor Henry and owner Jonathan Lane of Kincardine, Ontario. He leaves from post three.

Questreos, a four-year-old Astreos son, will also be attempting his third straight win from post eight with Anthony Haughan at the lines. Michael Kwietniowski of Courtice, Ontario trains and owns Questreos.

Also featured on Saturday's card are two \$130,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Finals, in race three for two-year-old trotting fillies, and race 10, for two-year-old pacing colts. A total of \$488,600 in purses will be offered on the program which gets

underway at 7:05 p.m.

Program pages and live video for racing at Western Fair are available at  
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