

FINES AND SUSPENSIONS BULLETIN

Fri, Sep 19 - Thu, Sep 25

PART ONE

The following action has been taken by the United States Trotting Association. This information is in an abbreviated form.

LONG, CHRIS J

USTA on 9/22/2025

USTA MEMBERSHIP ACTION

Declared ineligible for membership for violation of Rule 20, Section 10 (financial responsibility).

ARTHUR, ON

INELIGIBLE(INE) AS OF 9/22/2025

YOB 1990

PART TWO - MAJOR PENALTIES

The following actions published herein and imposed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the racing commissions of the various states and provinces are given full faith and credit and strictly enforced by the United States Trotting Association consistent with the provisions of USTA Rule 22, Sections 7 and 8 relative to RECIPROCITY OF PENALTIES. The fact that there is no separate action taken by the USTA in the form of a "ruling of reciprocity" shall not be construed as a failure to recognize and/or reciprocate with these published penalties. Please note that the following action is in an abbreviated form and that the USTA is not responsible for the accuracy or timeliness of reported penalties. Further information may be available by contacting the racing commission where the ruling was issued to determine the accuracy of the information.

ALAGNA, TONY P

Lex on 9/26/2024

HOWELL, NJ

YOB 1972

FINED: \$1,000...STAYED

FULL - 30 DAYS, 9/22/2025 THRU

10/21/2025...STAYED

HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 7, PURSE

REDISTRIBUTION...STAYED

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Mr. Tony Alagna was the listed trainer of #1 Simply Perfect who was in the 1st race at The Red Mile on 9/26/2024. #1 Simply Perfect was 2nd and sent to the State Test Barn for Post Race Testing. Sample E706531 that was sent to Industrial Laboratories confirmed in the Urine an overage of Albuterol at a level of 32.5 ng/mL which is over the allowed 1 ng/mL violating 810 KAR 8:025. Mr. Alagna did request a split sample that was sent to the University of Kentucky which confirmed a level of 27.296 ng/mL with Certificate Number 0216-2025 which was processed on 3/5/2025. Mr. Alagna was summoned to a hearing before the Board Of Judges on 9/8/2025. After hearing testimony and presented with evidence the Board of Judges hereby issue the following ruling. Mr. Alagna is hereby issued a 30 (Thirty) Day Suspension that will run from 9/22/2025 - 10/21/2025 & a Fine of \$1,000 (One Thousand Dollars). The Purse of \$19,375 (Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars) is hereby ordered to be returned within 30 Days of this ruling. During his Suspension Mr. Alagna is not allowed on any racetrack under the jurisdiction and control of the KHRG and any horses owned or trained by Mr. Alagna must require prior approval from the Board of Judges at the Red Mile prior to any and all transfers. Mr. Alagna has been made aware of his rights to an appeal with the KHRG and must submit his appeal and request for stay within 10 days of this ruling to the KHRG President & CEO.

Status as of 9/19/2025 - Stay - Pursuant to 810 KAR 9:010 Mr. Alagna has entered his appeal and request for stay in a timely manner and a stay has been granted by the President & CEO of the KHRG on 9/19/2025.

COLEMAN, ANGELA S
Mea on 6/12/2025

CLAYSVILLE, PA
FINED: \$1,000
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 9, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1977

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

PA Code Title 7: 203.22(a) 203.22(b) 401.2(a)(1) 401.2(a)(3)(ii) 401.3(a) 401.3(b) Ms. Coleman was the trainer of the horse NO WORDS NEEDED that participated in The Meadows` seventh race on June 12, 2025. Blood samples drawn (post-race) were tested and found to contain Dexamethasone (a therapeutic drug) above the permitted level. As the trainer, Ms. Coleman is responsible for the positive test. NO WORDS NEEDED finished first and is now disqualified. Purse money earned (\$4,000) must be returned within ten days of this ruling. Ms. Coleman is fined \$1,000 (fines are due within ten days of ruling). Appeals are due within ten days of ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301, N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

CRUSE, BRANDON
Har on 9/1/2025

MILFORD, DE
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
9/23/2025

YOB 1994

FAILURE TO PAY FINE(S)

Status as of 9/23/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Having paid the \$100 fine , Brandon Cruse is no longer indefinitely suspended.

FORD, MARK S
MR on 7/16/2025

CAMPBELL HALL, NY
FINED: \$500
TRAINING - 7 DAYS, 9/11/2025 THRU 9/17/2025
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1970

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Rule 4120.2; 4120.4; 4120.5 On August 7, 2025, the New York Drug Testing and Research Program reported to the New York State Gaming Commission that post-race blood sample #CV3574644, and post-race urine sample #CV3574641, submitted by the horse CANNERY ROW, 1st place finisher in race 6 on July 16, 2025, at Monticello Raceway, contained the presence of Betamethasone. The presence of Betamethasone in blood sample #CV3574644, and urine sample #CV3574641, was confirmed by analysis of the referee portion by the samples of the Equine Integrity & Anti-doping Sciences Lab in Lexington, KY and reported to the NYSGC on September 5, 2025. Pursuant to New York State Gaming Rules 4120.2 (Restricted use of drugs, medications and substances) and 4120.4 (Trainer Responsibility), Mark Ford, as Trainer of record of CANNERY ROW, is hereby fined the sum of \$1,000.00 and suspended for period of 15 days. Further, pursuant to New York State Gaming Rule 4120.5, CANNERY ROW, is declared disqualified from said race and all purse earnings shall be returned and redistributed to appropriate finishers and must re-test negative for Betamethasone prior to being eligible to race. Having appeared before a

representative of the NYSGC on September 10, 2025, and waived the right to a formal hearing and appeal, the fine is hereby reduced to \$500.00 and suspension to 7 days. During the term of his suspension, Trainer Mark Ford is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission.

GERARD, JAMIE P
Bang on 6/15/2025

PITTSTON, ME **YOB 1976**
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Jamie Gerard was the trainer of record for his horse Quan Blue Chip that raced at Bangor Raceway on June 15, 2025. The Industrial Laboratories of Denver, Colorado, has notified the Maine State Harness Racing Commission that an analysis of blood sample #E625493 taken from the horse, Quan Blue Chip, at Bangor Raceway on June 15, 2025, disclosed the presence of Gabapentin at a level of 1.1 ng/mL. The presence of Gabapentin is evidence of a violation of Commission Rule Chapter 11; therefore, this finding constitutes a positive test for the horse, Quan Blue Chip. The Maine State Harness Racing Commission considered this matter at its August 19, 2025, Commission meeting and was presented with research and written testimony from various veterinarians and medical organizations on the effects of Gabapentin. The conclusion from the MSHRC was that, given the low level of Gabapentin of 1.1 ng/mL for blood sample #E625493, it was more likely than not that this positive test result was from environmental contamination and not administration. The MSHRC Rule Chapter 11 follows the guidelines set forth by the ARCI, and any presence of Gabapentin is a violation. Therefore, the MSHRC has requested a return of the purse of \$ 2,150.00 for this infraction.

GRAHAM, GORDON J
CalX on 5/2/2025

SACRAMENTO, CA **YOB 1960**
HORSE DISQUALIFIED, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

POSITIVE TEST- POST RACE

Acting on a report from the University of California Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #PRO1961, obtained from the horse, BIN A MYSTERY, the first place finisher in the thirteenth race at Cal Expo Harness Racing Association on May 2, 2025, contained Disopropylamine (25 ug/mL) (Class 2), it is ordered that BIN A MYSTERY be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner MARK ANDERSON, Trainer JOHN G. GRAHAM, and Driver JAMES KENNEDY be returned to Watch and Wager on or before October 20, 2025 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld). Revised Order of Finish: 1ST LILBABYBLUE 2ND ROSE RUN ZUES 3RD FIERY CONCLUSION 4TH TUTTO BENE 5TH MAJOR TRIP All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

KOCH, KENNETH F
MR on 4/1/2025

BULLVILLE, NY
FINED: \$1,000
FULL - 60 DAYS, 10/3/2025 THRU 12/1/2025
HORSE DISQUALIFIED - PLACED 8, PURSE
REDISTRIBUTION

YOB 1964

POSITIVE TEST- PRE RACE

On April 9, 2025, the New York Drug Testing and Research Program reported to the New York State Gaming Commission that sample CV3583314, obtained pre-race from the horse VINOVO, 1st place finisher in race 2 on April 1, 2025, at Monticello Raceway, revealed a TCO2 level of 43.5+/-1.4mm/l which exceeds the permitted limit for a horse racing on Furosemide. On April 14, 2025, Trainer Ken Koch appeared before a representative of the NYSGC. After consideration it is determined Ken Koch, as trainer of VINOVO on April 1, 2025, is in violation of NYSGC rule 4120.2;4120.4; and 4120.13(a). Pursuant to NYSGC rule 4120.13(d)(1), Trainer Ken Koch is hereby issued a full suspension of their occupational license for a period of 60 days (April 18, 2025, through June 16, 2025, inclusive) and fined the sum of \$1,000.00. During the term of this suspension trainer Ken Koch is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission. Further, pursuant NYSGC rules 4120.5 and 4120.14(a), VINOVO is declared disqualified from said race and all purse earnings shall be returned and redistributed to appropriate finishers and VINOVO must re-test at a permissible TCO2 level prior to being declared eligible to race. VINOVO too, shall be subject to 6-hour pre-race detention for the period of 6 months, 4/14/2025 through 10/11/2025 without regard to whether the horse is transferred to a new owner or trainer. Any owner or trainer transfers of horses trained by Ken Koch, shall be subject to approval of the Presiding Judge at Monticello Raceway. You have requested a hearing on this matter. Therefore, a stay of the suspension or revocation of your license is hereby granted, but the fine is not stayed. Commission counsel may request that the Commission terminate the stay in the event that the hearing is not completed within 90 days of this ruling. If the stay is terminated because of unreasonable delay in the completion of the hearing, then your license su

Status as of 9/23/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Having withdrawn his request for a hearing on this matter and waiving all rights to appeal, trainer Kenneth Koch's fine remains the sum of \$1,000.00 and his suspension dates are amended to October 3rd, 2025, thru and including December 1st, 2025. Trainer Kenneth Koch is denied access to all course and grounds under the jurisdiction of the New York State Gaming Commission during this term of suspension.

WARREN, TODD E
TgDn on 8/23/2025

MONEE, IL
FINED: \$250

YOB 1965

DISTURBING THE PEACE

Todd Warren, while near the paddock area following the 6th race at Tioga Downs on August 23, 2025, failed to conduct himself in a forthright manner, speaking in a threatening manner toward another licensee. Todd Warren is fined \$250 for this infraction.

WITCHER, DALE L. II
Mea on 8/7/2025

TATUM, TX **YOB 1981**
RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF
9/22/2025

FAILURE TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS.

PA Code Title 7- 203.1(a)(1) 203.1(c) Failure to fulfill Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission fingerprint requirements. The penalties are a \$50 fine (fines are due within ten days of ruling) and an indefinite full suspension beginning August 18, 2025. Appeals are due within ten days of this ruling and must be submitted in writing (accompanied by a \$750 bond) to: The PA State Horse Racing Commission, 2301 N. Cameron St., Room 304, Harrisburg, PA 17110 ATTN: Anthony Salerno

Status as of 9/22/2025 - Subsequent Ruling - Mr. Witcher, II has completed his PA fingerprint requirements and is restored to good standing.

PART THREE - WHIPPING VIOLATIONS

BUCCERI, DENNY S
Btva on 9/13/2025

OAKFIELD, NY **YOB 1983**
FINED: \$500
DRIVING - 7 DAYS, 10/2/2025 THRU 10/8/2025

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

COLE, MICHAEL C
PHL on 9/18/2025

CAMDEN, DE **YOB 1979**
FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Mike Cole did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to elbow and wrist action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height in the the stretch while driving #6 CRYSTAL FASHION in the 11th race on 9/18/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr.Cole Is fined \$200 fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 10/1/25.

CRUSE, BRANDON
PHL on 9/19/2025

MILFORD, DE **YOB 1994**
FINED: \$200

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

PA Code Title 7-205.409(c) Brandon Cruse did have an exaggerated whipping motion not restricted to elbow and wrist action only and did raise his arm above shoulder height in the the stretch while driving #6 ALWAYS B MIMI in the 13th race on 9/19/25 at Harrah's Philadelphia Racetrack. Mr.Cruse Is fined \$200 fines are due within 10 days of this ruling 10/1/25.

DEL CID, FRANCISCO
Wdstk on 9/20/2025

AGUSTA, WV **YOB 1960**
FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver Francisco Del Cid is fined \$100.00 for one-handed whipping in the stretch, using more than wrist action with minimal elbow movement, while driving HEART OF LOVE N in

11th race on September 20th, 2025 at Shenandoah Downs. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or the Virginia Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. 11VAC10-150-90

HARVEY, DANIEL **POMPANO BEACH, FL** **YOB 1960**

TgDn on 9/6/2025

FINED: \$100

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

Daniel Harvey, as driver of #1 PRAIRIE SPECIAL in race seven at Tioga Downs on Saturday, September 6, 2025, was in violation of the whipping rule by using the whip more than three times in succession without giving the horse time to respond to the urging. Daniel Harvey is fined \$100 for this infraction. Further violations will result in increased penalties.

LOVE, ISSAC D **BRANDON, MS** **YOB 1990**

Spr on 9/19/2025

FINED: \$50

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

While driving MONTANA BIG SKY in the 3rd race at Springfield, IL on 9/19/25, driver Issac Love was in violation of Rule 18.08(4), using the whip on on a horse who was not reasonably advancing or maintaining its position in the race. Mr. Love is fined \$50 for the violation which is due by 9/25/25.

MANN, WILLIAM P **EASTON, PA** **YOB 1976**

Aces on 9/9/2025

FINED: \$500

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Running Aces During Race 6 Driver WILLIAM MANN did use Other Than Wrist Action while driving #3 Mac's Marvel. This is a Violation of MN Rule 7884.0260 Subp 2 – T – 5. This is William Mann's "2nd" Violation at Running Aces in 2025. Driver William Mann is hereby fined five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and issued a 3-day driving suspension at Running Aces which will consist of the first three days of the 2026 Racing Meeting. All Fines are due within 120 Hours.

SHEHAN, TYLER G **HOPKINSVILLE, KY** **YOB 1982**

Wdstk on 9/21/2025

FINED: \$100

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE WHIP

Driver Tyler Shehan is fined \$100.00 for one-handed whipping after the ¾ pole, using more than wrist action with minimal elbow movement, while driving NUI BA DEN N in 4th race on September 21st, 2025 at Shenandoah Downs. All fines are due within 10 days of the ruling or the Virginia Racing Commission licensee will be suspended until payment is received. 11VAC10-150-90

SOWERS, MCGWIRE P **WHITEFIELD, ME** **YOB 2000**

Farm on 9/15/2025

FINED: \$1,000

DRIVING - 15 DAYS, 9/23/2025 THRU 10/7/2025

EXCESSIVE OR INDISCRIMINATE USE OF WHIP

on 09/15/2025 while driving the horse twin b Kini at the Farmington fair, Mr. McGwire Sowers did switch his lines to one hand and strike his horse with the whip several times (one handing) at approximately at the 5/8 miles. Mr. McGwire Sowers did leave welts on the horse, this was his second offense in the calendar year

PART FOUR - MINOR PENALTIES

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| AIKEN, RICHARD J PcD on 9/20/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | MIDDLETOWN, NY FINED: \$200 | YOB 1959 |
| BERRY, PATRICK D Har on 9/22/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION | HARRINGTON, DE FINED: \$100 | YOB 1976 |
| CHELLIS, DREW E TgDn on 9/7/2025 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE | HONESDALE, PA DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 9/13/2025 THRU 9/15/2025 HORSE PLACED 5 | YOB 1967 |
| CLARKE, EDGAR R TgDn on 9/13/2025 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION | ROME, PA FINED: \$250 | YOB 1955 |
| HANNERS, AUSTIN B DTN on 9/23/2025 IMPEDING THE PROGRESS OF ANOTHER HORSE | FRANKFORT, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 9 | YOB 1999 |
| HARDY, JAMES E PRc on 9/23/2025 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS | NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA FINED: \$100 | YOB 1964 |
| HARRIS, ANDREW S PcD on 8/16/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | ALLENTOWN, NJ FINED: \$200 | YOB 1984 |
| HOLTON, RYAN S Zane on 8/11/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | ETNA, OH FINED: \$100 | YOB 1965 |
| JENSON, BRADY JO Aces on 9/14/2025 PASSING LANE VIOLATION | WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100 | YOB 1996 |

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| LONGO, GERALD Wdstk on 9/21/2025 | RIVERSIDE, CA FINED: \$150 HORSE PLACED 3 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE | YOB 1945 |
| MCDONOUGH, SHAWN M Btva on 9/19/2025 | BATAVIA, NY FINED: \$100 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION | YOB 1990 |
| MCNAIR, DOUGLAS R PcD on 8/16/2025 | PUSLINCH, ON FINED: \$200 FAILURE TO DRIVE WHEN PROGRAMMED | YOB 1989 |
| MELLOY, PATRICK M JR DTN on 9/24/2025 | EATON, OH FINED: \$100 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | YOB 1967 |
| MERTON, MICHAEL J TgDn on 8/10/2025 | MONTICELLO, NY HORSE PLACED 7 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE | YOB 1971 |
| MICALLEF, MICHAEL L Nfld on 9/20/2025 | LEBANON, OH FINED: \$100 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION | YOB 1973 |
| MILLER, BRETT A DTN on 9/23/2025 | COLUMBUS, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 7 PASSING LANE VIOLATION | YOB 1973 |
| MILLER, EMANUEL H Ashl on 9/15/2025 | DELAWARE, OH FINED: \$100 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | YOB 1998 |
| MILLER, ERIC LEE Nfld on 9/17/2025 | MILLERSBURG, OH FINED: \$100 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION | YOB 2005 |
| MILLNER, JESSICA E Nfld on 9/20/2025 | LITCHFIELD, OH FINED: \$100 INACCURATE PROGRAM INFORMATION | YOB 1991 |
| MOWOD, MICHAEL Mea on 9/10/2025 | CANONSBURG, PA FINED: \$200 | YOB 2004 |

LATE DRIVER CHANGE

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| NAPOLITANO, GEORGE JR PHL on 9/18/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE | BOCA RATON, FL FINED: \$200 | YOB 1966 |
| OAKES, HUNTER WILLIAM PHL on 9/14/2025 LEAVING HORSE UNATTENDED | WILKES-BARRE, PA FINED: \$500 | YOB 1998 |
| OENEMA, RACHEL A DTN on 9/24/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | GROVE CITY, OH FINED: \$100 | YOB 1995 |
| O'NEIL, PAUL M Nfld on 9/19/2025 FAILURE TO HONOR DECLARATION | SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY FINED: \$300 | YOB 1961 |
| PALONE, DAVID M Mea on 9/4/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Mea on 9/12/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION | WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8 FINED: \$100 | YOB 1962 |
| REESE, JIM R Humb on 9/6/2025 CARRY A HORSE OUT | BEDFORD, IA FINED: \$150 HORSE PLACED 3 | YOB 1951 |
| SHERIDAN, MARK N Wdstk on 9/20/2025 JOSTLE, STRIKE OR HOOK WHEELS | FAIRTON, NJ DRIVING - 3 DAYS, 9/28/2025 THRU 9/30/2025 HORSE PLACED 7 | YOB 1958 |
| STURGEON, BRUCE A DTN on 9/24/2025 PASSING LANE VIOLATION | LEBANON, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 5 | YOB 1961 |
| SUGG, KURT D Nfld on 9/17/2025 CHANGING COURSE/CAUSING INTERFERENCE | POLK, OH FINED: \$200 HORSE PLACED 8 | YOB 1969 |

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| SWITZER, KEVIN P JR Farm on 9/19/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE | E WATERBORO, ME FINED: \$200 | YOB 1987 |
| TALLEY, JASON A Har on 9/17/2025 OTHER | SALISBURY, MD RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING(RES) AS OF 9/17/2025 | YOB 1991 |
| WALLIS, KEVIN W PcD on 9/20/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION | LIGHTHOUSE POINT, FL FINED: \$200 | YOB 1956 |
| WALTERS, JUSTIN T Mea on 9/5/2025 INSIDE THE EURO RAIL / PYLON VIOLATION Mea on 9/12/2025 FAILURE TO SET AND MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE | WASHINGTON, PA FINED: \$100 FINED: \$100 | YOB 2003 |
| WEAVER, ROSY E Ashl on 9/15/2025 LATE DRIVER CHANGE | BEACH CITY, OH FINED: \$100 | YOB 1986 |
| WILSON, STEVEN Farm on 9/20/2025 FAILURE TO KEEP BOTH FEET IN THE STIRRUPS | FARMINGTON, ME FINED: \$200 | YOB 1991 |