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In the meantime, please enjoy this edition of our PONIES 24-7 digital magazine and some more, great editorial content, including interviews with Woodbine's Chris Lush, Executive Vice President, Technology and Core Wagering and Jeff Musson, Executive Director for 'Coding for Veterans'.

Until next time,

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# CHRIS LUSH

Woodbine's Executive Vice President, Technology and Core Wagering

Chris Lush has been an integral part of Woodbine's Management Team for several years as the Company has continued to evolve in playing a major part in the Canadian horse racing landscape and the province's Sport Betting initiatives. Chris joined us recently on 'Ponies 24-7, THE RADIO MAGAZINE Show for the following interview.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris there is a lot going on at Woodbine as far as technology is concerned, can you talk about some of the more important initiatives that you and your team have been part of?

**CHRIS LUSH:** I would say that Sports Betting is at the top of my list. I believe everyone is aware that Bill 218 was passed and it effectively changed the Criminal Code to allow for Single Bet Sports Betting. We have seen a massive growth in the Ontario market and one of the obvious risks we had is losing customers or losing 'wallet' to Sports Betting, but really one of the opportunities we have is expanding horse racing out to a very different generation and demographic. So, this has been much of our focus of late and we essentially are going to expand our platform to include Single Bet Sports Betting and become a 'Player' in that market. However, we quickly realized that we don't have the scale to really compete against the big players,



whether it's bet365, FanDuel or even OLG and Proline. We took a different tact, and decided to maintain our 'space' which is horse racing, but we want to offer horse racing to those players on the Sports Betting platforms as well. Our first partner in market was actually bet365 and we went live with them just before King's Plate last year. Essentially, what we did is tie our platform directly into their system and the customer who is on their platform bets directly into our pools through our systems and we use the back-end of HPIBET to facilitate all this. From a customer perspective, it's very transparent, as they don't know that they are actually betting through Woodbine, but they have the opportunity to wager on a pari-mutuel horse race which is fantastic for us.

**PONIES 24-7:** How has the response been Chris as far as the arrangement with bet365?

**CHRIS LUSH:** We have had tremendous interest to be honest and just to give you a 'line of sight' of what we have on our platform, we generally have about 18 to 20,000 active players on any given year on HPIBET and in the first year of operations, bet365 had 9,000 unique users place a wager on a horse race, and these are very different users than what we have on our platform. It almost increased our reach by 50% and that's only with one partner.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris can you talk about Dark Horse and where it stands today?

**CHRIS LUSH:** We have been in development for what I believe is four years and before the pandemic hit and actually we launched right in the middle of

the pandemic and a year before Sports Betting was legalized. We had a Mobile App going to market and targeting that demographic, the same demographic that would actually 'jump on' the Sports Betting platforms and what we found when we launched was that there was a lot of interest and we had those players, but as soon as Sports Betting launched, a lot of those players sort of migrated over to those other platforms. We didn't get as much traction as we had hoped and so now we are taking a bit of a different tact and trying to get to that demographic using our Sports Betting partners and then really focusing on our Core Players on HPIBET. Now that said, we did launch all across Canada and not all markets across the country are as open as Ontario and if you look at BC, Alberta or even Quebec for that matter, they are fairly big markets and a lot of those markets are pushing Dark Horse as the new Player App because there isn't the competition or market in those jurisdictions.

**PONIES 24-7:** I want to go back to Sports Betting again Chris, you opened up with bet365, what is the status of the other Sports Betting providers, where do they stand as far as partnering with Woodbine?

**CHRIS LUSH:** We have a lot of interest, I believe currently there are 12 different Sports Betting partners that are in communication and in planning. The real challenge that we have is the actual integration we did with bet365 was overly complex, so they built the entire user interface for their customers and tied it all directly into our system. It was a fairly 'heavy lift' for them to do that. When we talk about our partners, they are used to buying a platform and integrating it in, whether it's Online Poker or Online Slots or something else. Basically, it's a third party that has built the platform and they White Label it and then integrate it. We are in the process of actually building, essentially a White Label Bet Panel and we hope to have that completed by December of this year. We can give the Bet Panel to our partners and the partner that we are actually working with now is OLG. They are going to integrate that Bet Panel like they would with any other product, directly to their platform. It is a lot less of an 'integration lift' from their end, it's much faster and easier to market and of course we will be providing the basic UI for those users to place a wager.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris how important is Sports Betting to the success of Woodbine and Woodbine Mohawk Park?

**CHRIS LUSH:** It's important to a point where I think



mostly the younger generation understand what I call U.S. odds, where you see the odds like -350 or -200 or +200 for that matter, but they don't necessarily understand pari-mutuel odds when we use fractions. What we have looked at is tailoring a lot of the platform to bet on a graphic. We have products currently that are designed for people that have been in horse racing for some time, who want all the data, the details, the past performance history, or even downloading a Daily Racing Form or a Racing Program. This younger generation now, isn't necessarily prone to using that kind of historical data, rather they want a simplified approach, almost mimicking what they see on Sports Betting platforms, but with enough data to give them insight into making the right decisions. So, it's important from the fact that we think the future generation of horseplayers are going to be migrating from these platforms, like bet365, FanDuel or OLG and Proline+ and what we are trying to do is make sure that our product is available through those platforms. We are anticipating that we will probably graduate some of those players from those platforms to a product like HPIBET, as it is a far more advanced system, but it is just not intuitive enough for the first time bettor.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris you mentioned historical, let's talk about another historical product, namely Instant Racing or Historical Racing, what's the status on this betting product and maybe for our new readers you could explain what the product consists of and also what are some of the political issues that are holding it back from becoming legalized in Canada?

**CHRIS LUSH:** Certainly, Historical Racing which we call HHR, is essentially taking historical races that were run some time ago and what we do is we take those races, we mask out a lot of the data but provide just enough data for customers to be able to handicap the race. So, instead of seeing a race that is about to occur, you are actually watching a race that happened in the past. What you are given is basically 10 horses in a race, a Jockey Rating, a horse Speed Rating and some different other data points, but you are not given the actual horse's name or the name of the Jockey or the racetrack. That type of information is masked out and what you then do is place a bet on the race and of course the results are in almost instantly. We think that HHR is a tremendous opportunity and it is live in a few US states now and predominantly Kentucky and if you have been watching the purses at places like Kentucky Downs lately, they have gone up I would say three or four fold. They are racing Grade 2 races with a \$2 Million or \$3 Million purse, which is just

unheard of and it's all driven by HHR. What we need to happen in Canada, to have HHR legalized, is change the Criminal Code, as it currently stipulates in horse racing that it is a race that is to occur, which gives that future tense, to the way that it is written in the law. We need to remove that and it would allow for any race to be wagered on, Historical or Future. The real challenge with that, is where they have implemented the different States and jurisdictions in the US, they don't necessarily have HHR as a pari-mutuel product being offered through their ADW platforms. Instead they eventually extrapolate the data into essentially a slot machine, you load a bill in, the race pops up and you can actually just hit a random spin button and it will give you the results of that Historical Race. It works and mimics a slot machine, but it is actually based on pari-mutuel wagering and pools from other players, playing into that Historical Race. The biggest challenge that we have is more political. The way that various jurisdictions manage Casino and Retail, where it is very tightly regulated and licensed and they have already awarded rights to various parties, if we came along with a legalized slot machine that doesn't fall under their regulations in their jurisdiction, then we would be competing directly against all of those players in the market today.

**PONIES 24-7:** Is it correct to say that gone are the days where you walk up to a window and you place your bet?

**CHRIS LUSH:** I don't think so, we are looking at a lot of new technology to allow players to place a wager right from their table if they are on the Stella Patio or the Woodbine Club and we are looking at new technologies for different tote machines that are more



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slot like but simpler to play. I think too, one of the big things that we are seeing is that the new generation love what we call the Wagering Ambassador. These are people walking around the Grandstand, generally in the Hospitality areas and offer wagers usually for cash at your tables. They will come up and ask if anyone wants to place a bet and you are sitting at your table, so of course you pull out some money and give it to them. The Mobile Wagering is something that the new generation is embracing, while our core bettors and the older generation still enjoy the mutuel tellers. I don't believe though that the machines are going to go away in the next while.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris, finally let's talk about HPIBET and some of the changes that have been made over the past while, talk about them and what does the future hold?

**CHRIS LUSH:** I think the biggest change we did lately is that we have incorporated all of the technology that we built for Dark Horse into HPIBET and the biggest thing that we released this year is essentially Artificial Intelligence pick pools. So, what this is, if you are playing a Pick 3, Pick 4 or a Hi 5, these are all bets where you are looking at either a single race like the Hi 5 (where you have to pick the first five horses in racing order), or multi legs where you are actually picking the winners of races 123, 1234 or 12345. What we did is we used some technology from Dark Horse that we built and these new algorithms will essentially determine the highest probability of a winning ticket. And what you do is determine how much you want to spend on the ticket and the engine

then builds a ticket for you. It's a highly intelligent ticket, you can almost think about going into a lottery store and picking something like a Super 7 or a Lotto Max ticket and I think the 649 is six in a row, very similar products but we actually add an intelligence engine to pick the most probable output. We have seen a lot of players 'hit', especially on the Pick 4 and Pick 5, with very decent returns, so the idea of actually using artificial intelligence to help you win, which you can only really do in pari-mutuel wagering, is really I believe an exciting proposition and many of our customers are loving it.

**PONIES 24-7:** Chris where do you get your ideas from?

**CHRIS LUSH:** Well I believe that it is two-fold, sometimes we look at what is happening Internationally and I spend a lot of time working with Sweden, France and Hong Kong or Australia and they have some interesting ideas which we try to build into our market here. At the same time we like to be Innovation Leaders and I have a very strong team within the Technology Group. We are always looking at different innovations in technology and watching how they may pertain to wagering. I'm going to say that it is a group effort, we come up with ideas and then we basically just build them out, test them with customers and see how they play out.



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# CODING FOR VETERANS

Helping Veterans Go From Deployment To Employment.

By Larry Simpson



Recently, Coding for Veterans hosted its first ‘*Heroes and Horses Military Appreciation Day*’, a special event in partnership with Woodbine Racetrack, that celebrated the contributions of Canadian Veterans and their families with an exciting day of horse racing, Military ceremonies and community recognition, while providing a day of tribute to those that have served.

Jeff Musson is Executive Director of Coding for Veterans, an organization that retrains Military Veterans across North America in Software Development and Cybersecurity, through a program that is taught 100% online and enables Veterans to

transition from deployment to employment in high-demand fields. We had the opportunity to speak with Jeff a few days after ‘*Heroes and Horses Military Appreciation Day*’ at Woodbine and the following interview transpired.

**PONIES 24-7:** Jeff thanks for doing this interview, for our readers, talk about Coding for Veterans, its mandate and where did the initiative begin?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Well, Coding for Veterans helps Military Veterans train for jobs in Software Development and Cybersecurity and the program is 100% online through the University of Ottawa



and offered either part or full time. On average it takes the student about 12 months to complete the program and then graduate and part of graduating includes the opportunity to also write their Industry Certifications which is really what unlocks the job opportunities in the business world. You know it has been projected that in the next 12 to 18 months, that there will be over 100,000 IT jobs that will be going unfilled!

**PONIES 24-7:** How long has Coding for Veterans been active?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Coding for Veterans actually launched in the Fall of 2019 with five students originally enrolled in the program and I’m happy to say that it is our five year anniversary at the beginning of November this year and by then we will have over 800 students in the program.

**PONIES 24-7:** And what has the response been like Jeff, as far as the students being hired for positions in the workplace?

**JEFF MUSSON:** For those that graduate from our program, there’s an over 85% placement rate for jobs with annual starting salaries of over \$80,000.

We like to say that we help to provide a good and stable career for those that leave Canada’s Military after serving.

**PONIES 24-7:** How and why did you become involved in Coding for Veterans and was the initiative your idea, or was it more of a team effort?

**JEFF MUSSON:** I’m actually the founder of Coding for Veterans, as I realized early that in the ‘tech sector’ there really was a need for talent. If you look at the ‘soft skills’ of someone leaving the Military, things like attention to detail, leadership and teamwork, they align perfectly with what is required of those that are working in IT positions. Personally, I never served in the Military, but I have family members that have and what better way to honor the sacrifice of the men and women that have served, then by providing regular employment after they leave the Service. I come at this from the actual ‘tech sector’ side, as I am connected with this business side and good work talent is really what drives that industry. I’m all about analogy and the best analogy is that if you believe that talent is the new ‘quote on quote’, oil resource, then we have been able to tap into a new resource, that being Military Veterans. Our program is delivered totally online through the University of Ottawa, so





it can stretch from coast to coast and employers that are looking to start filling some of the job opportunities, have a ready and willing applicant pool in which to fill that talent needed for the tech industry.

**PONIES 24-7:** So, it's safe to say Jeff that the program has been very well received, correct?

**JEFF MUSSON:** It has and not only has the curriculum been reviewed at the highest levels within the retraining of Veteran's Affairs in Canada and the US as well, as fortunately the program has expanded there too, but the skill set of those leaving our program, does align perfectly with the demands within the industry and its needs as well. So, you could say that it's a win, win, across the board for everyone!

**PONIES 24-7:** I'm curious Jeff, as you just hosted 'Heroes and Horses Military Appreciation Day' at Woodbine a few weeks back and before this phone call I was actually online preparing for this interview and I noticed that Coding For Veterans was also present at the Calgary Stampede this year, what is the connection with horses?

**JEFF MUSSON:** What is funny is that with the

Calgary Stampede, they actually reached out to us and asked us if we would be interested in having a float as part of their Calgary Stampede Parade. How that came about was that we actually had a float in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California on New Years Day and unbeknownst to us, Executive Members of the Calgary Stampede were actually in the Grandstand on Colorado Boulevard and they noticed our float, which was the first Canadian float in 35 years to be in the parade. That's how we received the invitation to be part of the Calgary Stampede. What was great too about the Stampede, is that it really opened our eyes and we actually have a number of students that are in the program in the province of Alberta, so it was also a great way to engage with them. More importantly though, it provided us a platform to also engage with employers who will eventually hire the 'Grads' from our program.

**PONIES 24-7:** How did the relationship with Woodbine come about?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Well, there has always been just a natural historical connection between horses and the Military, when you actually think about it. We host various 'Military Appreciation Days' at different



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events throughout the year, events like an ‘Athletico’ Soccer match in Ottawa and a Toronto Blue Jays game, but we thought that it would be kind of cool to partner with Woodbine and especially build off the momentum of the Calgary Stampede involvement and participate in a joint event with them. I can honestly say that this year was our first event and there will definitely be a second one with Woodbine, as the uptake and the ‘buzz’ that was created certainly exceeded everyone’s expectations.

**PONIES 24-7:** Maybe Jeff, for people who were not at the Woodbine event this year, can you talk about what they missed?

**JEFF MUSSON:** We actually set up an interactive type of area where those in the Military Community could engage with other Veteran’s Organizations above and beyond Coding for Veterans. We were the organizers of the event in partnership with Woodbine and we really wanted to open up the day to other Veteran’s Organizations and these groups all had information tables that were set up inside the Woodbine Grandstand. Since the event was on a weekend, we really wanted to attract families and have them participate and be part of the day, so we offered things like games and face painting for the kids’. We also had the band from HMCS York perform the National Anthem and the Colour Guard with the Flag Bearers of the Commissionaires in attendance. Our Corporate Partners were also invited and they had their own events to participate in, things like sounding the bugle before the races, or making Winner’s Circle presentations. Another

cool thing that took place was that we were able to have some of the Woodbine Jockeys come upstairs for an autograph session amongst our people, so it was definitely a well-rounded event and we are for certain, coming back next year!

**PONIES 24-7:** And the winner of Woodbine’s first race that day could have been considered a nice hunch bet, talk about that?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Yes, what was ironic was the fact that there was a horse by the name of Good Soldier in the First Race that day and he was a bit of a longshot and wouldn’t you know it, he actually won! At that point we all thought that it was a great omen for the day and we just moved onward and upward the rest of the afternoon. I know for sure if there was one horse that our people were going to bet that day, it would be a horse named Good Soldier, if for no other reason but the name itself.

**PONIES 24-7:** Jeff, now that your Woodbine event ‘is a wrap’, would you say that it was a success and the fact that you mentioned earlier that you are planning on doing it all over again next year, maybe I answered the question for you, so perhaps the question should be what else do you have planned for Coding for Veterans?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Yes it was a very successful event and as I alluded to earlier we will be back next year. Some things that we have coming up this year include on November 11th, we are actually partnering with the Toronto Stock Exchange to ring



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the bell to open the markets, which should be a fun event. Monthly, we have our Info Sessions that our online and individuals can learn about our program if they are looking to enroll. Our big event that we have coming up is that we are going to be back as part of the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1st.

**PONIES 24-7:** Let’s talk a little about yourself Jeff, your background is Technology and you are also a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, correct?

**JEFF MUSSON:** *(Laughs)* Yes I am!

**PONIES 24-7:** How did that come about?

**JEFF MUSSON:** As part of my portfolio as an Entrepreneur I also own a Software business and one of the areas that we specialize in is actually Digital Media. So back, I’m going to say maybe in 2018, an opportunity came my way for membership within the Television Academy and I had to provide references and a portfolio of work and I was then accepted as a member. The Television Academy, as many of your readers probably are aware, are the group that actually put on the Emmy Awards on an annual basis. Once I became a member of the Academy, there became a need for Judges and I do have experience in adjudicating and it kind of became a cool ‘gig’, unpaid mine you, but it is just a fun thing to get involved in. Annually. the Emmy’s are held in Los Angeles in September and I was actually just out there a few weeks back and it was really a great, fun event.

**PONIES 24-7:** I am going to say too that the Emmy’s probably come with some great networking opportunities though, especially for Coding for Veterans, correct?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Exactly and in this case, with more and more content being streamed now by Warner Brothers, Paramount, you name it, they now have a need for Cybersecurity Specialists to protect their network. Again, going back to our three audiences, those that want to enroll in the program, those that want to hire our graduates and our government partners, in a roundabout way the TV Academy and the Emmy’s are a great way to network and work with potential people that will eventually hire graduates from our program.

**PONIES 24-7:** How many schools are you currently involved with Jeff?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Two schools, the University of Ottawa in Canada and the University of Southern California in the US.

**PONIES 24-7:** Is there a chance that we may see some other schools as part of the program down the road?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Yes, what we do is offer specialized programs that we end up creating, as an example one is ‘*Top Gun Cyber Week*’, which we host once a year and we bring out top cyber students together in person because our program is in essence 100% online. When we actually bring them together in person, we partner with Toronto Metropolitan University and we train these individuals in some hands-on simulation for a week-long program.

**PONIES 24-7:** Wrapping up Jeff, what’s the future look like for Coding For Veterans and are there plans in place for growing the Association?

**JEFF MUSSON:** We are pretty well defined in terms of people understanding about our program, but we will always continue to do outreach and additionally as of January 1, 2025, we will be launching a third stream in our program that is NextGen AI, an Artificial Intelligence curriculum for Veterans to enroll in. So, we will have Software Development, Cyber Security as well as a Next Generation Artificial Intelligence curriculum.

**PONIES 24-7:** I know I said that was my last question, but definitely this will be the final one, if our readers want to get involved with Coding for Veterans, what are some of the opportunities available, obviously I would assume funding would be one option, correct?

**JEFF MUSSON:** Actually, there are a few opportunities, first off, we are always looking for mentors for the students, especially people that are part of the IT and Tech industry that are able to help Veterans in their program. These people really understand the course work and the opportunities that are out there in the Tech industry as well as for the program, especially those with a specialization in Software Development and Cyber Security training and now Next Gen AI. Probably, the other opportunity available is that we also have Scholarships and Bursaries available to help support the learning by students in our program and obviously in partnership with the University of Ottawa and we do offer tax receipts.



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# The Racer's Edge

## A Handicapping Primer

By Larry Simpson

### There's Value in Those Second Time Starters

So, it's been a long day at the track, with a plethora of 'bad beats' and 'troubled trips' and the last race on the card is for Maiden Special Weights (horses that have never won a race). Many of the horses have raced a few times with no luck at the win but several in the money finishes and others are First Time starters, some with not a very well spaced workout line. At first glance, a handicapper might think that this race does not have a lot to offer, but saying that, they possibly are overlooking one tremendous angle that does exist in this race, the Second Time starter, making his or her second lifetime start.

In many cases, a horse's first career race is nothing more than an educational process and like anything we humans do, (hitting a baseball or running a marathon for example), the more you practice, the better you will get at it. The same with horses, they tend to improve through racing and training and in a lot of cases, their second start seems to be the one that many show a significant improvement in. And luckily for us bettors, in countless cases, these horses are overlooked on the tote board.

With this being said though, one does need to follow some guidelines or criteria in order to separate a second time starter pretender from a contender. They include:

- The horse that took some action on the tote board and shows a troubled line, maybe a bad start, his path was taken away from him and was checked, he or she raced wide throughout, etc. If the horse was in trouble, it will usually be indicated in the Comments Section of the Past Performances,

- On the other hand, the horse showed some ability in that first start, by being in contention at some point of the race, or possibly showing speed and tiring,

- The horse made up a large amount of ground during any time in that last race,

- There is the addition of either Lasix or Blinkers, or perhaps even both today,

- Workouts, since that last start are very important. Has the horse worked well for today's race and depending on the time since that last start, there should be several well-spaced works showing. As I have mentioned in previous articles, I am a proponent of a 5-furlong workout since that last start, two are even better and they too should be well spaced between 7 to 10 days apart.

- Trainer Percentage, as some trainers are very proficient with Second Time starters. Once again, one look at the Past Performance lines will indicate the percentage for Second Time starters.

- There is a significant jockey change today and when combined with Trainer Percentage above, can be even more proficient and a very significant 'tip off' that the Second Time starter could run a good, competitive race today and certainly show some improvement off that first race.

There are probably other angles or guidelines out there for second time Maiden's, you may have one or two of your own, but in any case, these horses become an excellent option to bet when they are racing against a full field of Maiden horses. The public will tend to over bet horses in the race that have made three or four decent starts and ignore those that are making their second, while coming off a race that there is some hidden form angles. Throw in some trainer percentages, a possible jockey and equipment change and you just may have a generous priced winner!



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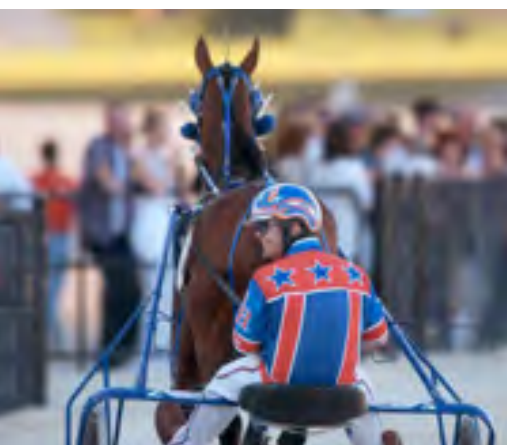
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