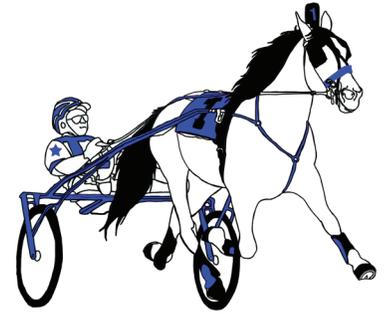


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2019 Ohio Fair Column

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Morgan county Fair Racing at McConnelsville, Ohio



It was warm couple of days in the southern part of the state for racing. On Friday, September 6th we had 8 races at McConnelsville. The ole grandstands were about $\frac{3}{4}$ way full by the time the first race went to the starting gate.

Alex Hawk and Brady Clemens both won 2 races on the card making them the leading drivers of the day. But the most exciting race came late in the card when three in a field of five scratched, leaving the competition down to two in the field of free for all trotters. Hunter Myers was driving Simmy and Alex Hawk drove Emilene's Future. They made it a very good race, especially when Hunter pulled the Ron Pierce wave goodbye to Alex in the stretch. I found out after the race that it was set up whoever passed the other in the stretch was to do the wave!

Phone service did not work the best there so when we played text trivia the fans had to come down to the tent to tell me the answers. We had a good fans race on the card as well, won by Jeff McRobie.

On Saturday, September 7th, the seven-race card started a little slow. It was still another warm day! I arrived a little early in the morning and fans started rolling through. The program scavenger hunt was a big hint both days. I had to change the horse clues three times on Saturday as the fans were standing around 5-15 mins to try and figure them out. Everyone wants to get the win! Kevin Mead won the Fans race.

Leading drivers on the second day was Alex Hawk and Brendan Johnson, both with two wins. This made Alex Hawk the leading driver of the two day meet at Morgan County fair.