

3-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING TROT

INAMINUTE HANOVER (Bar Hopping-I'm On Cloud Nine-Angus Hall)



A lightly raced 2-year-old last year, racing just three times from late October to early November. Competed largely in overnight races until May 2021 when he won a \$20,000 prelim for The Stallion Series. His first stakes win came at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Sept. 25 when he went gate-to-wire in the \$157,975 Simcoe Stakes at odds of 13-1. He fired for the front in his Breeders Crown elimination from post 9 but faded in the stretch to finish fifth (to **CUATRO DE JULIO**). Conditioned by four-time Breeders Crown winning trainer Luc Blais, who won his first-ever Crown trophy in this event with Intimidate in 2012. Bred by all-time Breeders Crown earning leader Hanover Shoe Farms and owned by Determination (Serge Godin), which has won three Breeders Crown trophies.

AMBASSADOR HANOVER (Chapter Seven-Angel Eyes Hanover-Cantab Hall)



Went undefeated in his first four starts as a 2-year-old competing in the New York Sires Stakes, but finished fourth in the \$225,000 final. His freshman season ended following a vet scratch in the International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile on Oct. 9. He returned as a 3-year-old in the \$115,583 Dexter Cup at Freehold Raceway, where he finished fourth. Leading up to the Breeders Crown, he won the \$48,250 Tompkins-Geers at The Meadowlands, was second in the \$500,000 Yonkers Trot and third in the \$1,000,000 Hambletonian. Won his Breeders Crown elimination going gate-to-wire in 1:51.2 following a traffic-burdened trip in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity, where he finished sixth. One of three finalists for trainer Ake Svanstedt, whose stable is YET to win a Breeders Crown trophy in 36 attempts. Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and owned by Ake Svanstedt Inc., Order By Stable, Howard And Judith Taylor and Diamond Creek Racing.

RITSON (Cantab Hall-Sheena's Shadow-Yankee Glide)



Low-profile 2-year-old with just six starts – breaking stride in three of those – and zero wins. Came south to The Meadowlands in April with the shutdown of racing in Ontario and finished second in his first two sophomore starts – the first behind Mycrownmykingdom and the second to the precocious Really Fast. He broke his maiden on June 23 in a prelim for The Stallion Series at Harrah’s Philadelphia and returned to Ontario, where he won his next two in conditioned competition. Stepped onto the Grand Circuit in September, finishing second in the \$240,000 Goodtimes Final and third in the \$157,975 Simcoe Stakes (to **INAMINUTE HANOVER**). Weaved through traffic in his Breeders Crown elimination to finish third (to **AMBASSADOR HANOVER**). Trained in the U.S. by Mark Steacy – a trainer of three Breeders Crown winners but none in the 3YO Colt Trot – and in Canada by his son, Shawn Steacy. One of two for the Steacys. Bred by James Wilhite and owned by Mark Steacy, Hudson Standardbred Stable Inc., Dale Larson and Stephen Downey.

CUATRO DE JULIO (Trixtion-Clarabelle-Ready Cash)



An enigmatic colt who surfaced onto the stakes scene following a sweep of the Kentucky Fair Series as a 2-year-old. Equaled Walner’s world record of 1:51.3 when winning a \$56,000 division of the International Stallion Stake, but registered the time just three races after Southwind Tyrion set the record of 1:51.1. Was driven at the end of his season by Louis Badron, grandson of Jean Pierre Dubois, but lost the drive due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic muddying travel between North America and Europe. As a 3-year-old, he has won three races: a New Jersey Sires Stake prelim, a Kentucky Championship Series Prelim, and his Breeders Crown elimination – the last in which he landed a neck ahead of world champion Jujubee. Travelled a noteworthily nightmarish trip in the Hambletonian, parking the mile from post 10 and finishing seventh. Entered the Breeders Crown eliminations off a second-place finish in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity. Trained by Marie Ortolan Bar, who has just one other active horse racing this season;

her last starts listed as a trainer prior to this horse came in 2014. Bred by the Dream With Me Stable and owned by D Farm (both Jean Pierre Dubois').

DELAYED HANOVER (Southwind Frank-Don't Wait Up-Credit Winner)



Eighth in last year's Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Trot at Harrah's Hoosier Park (to On A Streak). Won one race as a 2-year-old when taking a \$106,100 division of the Bluegrass Stakes at The Red Mile, was second in an \$86,600 International Stallion Stake split and third in his 2YO Breeders Crown elimination and the \$398,650 Valley Victory final. Returned as a 3-year-old unbeaten in his first two starts, winning back-to-back in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. Finished second in a \$135,500 Stanley Dancer Memorial division (to **DANCINGINTHEDARK M**) before winning his \$50,000 Hambletonian elimination – he finished fourth in the \$1,000,000 final. He entered the Breeders Crown eliminations off an eighth-place finish in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity. In his Crown elim, he parked first over but held third at the finish (to **CUATRO DE JULIO**). The second of three trainees entered for Ake Svanstedt. Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and owned by Mellby Gard Inc. and Ake Svanstedt Inc.

JUJUBEE (Creatine-La Cantera-Cantab Hall)



Debuted late as a 2-year-old in Oct. 2020 racing in overnight events at The Meadows. Started his sophomore season early with a pair of wins before a late-closing series at The Meadows, of which he won the \$21,250 final at the end of April. Stepped up into the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes on May 15, finishing second (to **IN RANGE**) before winning the next preliminary on May 31. Left the PA circuit to race on Hambletonian Day (Aug. 7), where he beat **DANCINGINTHEDARK M** in a 1:49.4 mile off a pocket trip in the \$50,000 Muscle Hill. Rode a three-race win streak coming into the Breeders Crown, winning the \$253,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Final at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, \$100,000 Phil Langlely Memorial at Harrah's Hoosier Park and the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity, the last of which he won in 1:49.3. Finished second off a second-over trip in his Breeders Crown elimination (to **CUATRO DE**

JULIO). A homebred for Jon Erdner of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., who also makes his first start in the Breeders Crown. Trained by Greg Wright Jr., who also makes his Breeders Crown final debut – he started just one horse in an elimination, finishing sixth with Chipwitch in the 2000 2YO Colt Trot.

FLY LIGHT (Father Patrick-Hustle Heart-Credit Winner)



Won just one race from eight starts as a 2-year-old when going gate-to-wire in a Pennsylvania Sires Stake prelim at The Meadows on Aug. 12, 2020. Only other stakes placings as a freshman came with a second in a \$105,100 Bluegrass Stakes Split at The Red Mile and a fourth in a \$86,600 International Stallion Stake split. As a sophomore, he collected his first victory of the year with a 1:52 effort in the \$200,000 Beal Consolation I and won his only other race with a 22-1 upset on a “sloppy” track at The Red Mile in a \$104,500 Bluegrass Stake split. Ripped from the back and stormed down the center of the track to finish third in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity (to **JUJUBEE**). Fired with similar speed from last to finish fourth in his Breeders Crown elimination (to **AMBASSADOR HANOVER**). Third of three trainees entered for Ake Svanstedt. Bred by Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld – Katz ranks 21st all time among breeders in the Breeders Crown in earnings and Libfeld ranks 11th all time. Katz has bred winners of four Breeders Crown trophies and Libfeld winners of six trophies. Owned by Ake Svanstedt Inc. and Stable Why Not.

IN RANGE (Bar Hopping-Illia-Windsong’s Legacy)



Won an elimination of the Breeders Crown 2YO Colt Trot last season and finished second in the \$600,000 final (to On A Streak). As a 2-year-old, he won three prelims of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes but finished second in the \$253,000 final to eventual 2021 Hambletonian winner Captain Corey. At 3, won a \$50,000 division of the Muscle Hill, was second in the \$100,000 Phil Langley Memorial at Harrah’s Hoosier Park (to **JUJUBEE**) and in the \$606,500 Canadian Trotting Classic Final, and finished third in the elimination and \$500,000 final of the Yonkers Trot. Finished seventh in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity before his Breeders Crown elimination, in which he finished fifth off a pylon trip (to **AMBASSADOR HANOVER**). One of two finalists for trainer Marcus Melander, who has three Breeders Crown trophies – all from

Gimpanzee, who was just the fifth trotter in the 37-year history of the Breeders Crown to win at least three trophies. Bred by Windsong Stable, which also bred millionaire star Windsongs Legacy. Owned by AMG Stable Inc., Kenneth Kjellgren and Rick Wahlstedt.

DANCINGINTHEDARK M (Ready Express-Leila-Andover Hall)



Debuted an 11-length winner as a 2-year-old in winning an \$18,822 Arden Downs division on July 29, 2020 at The Meadows. Finished first and second in Kentucky Sires Stakes preliminaries before breaking stride and pulling up from the \$250,000 final. When flat, he won a \$105,100 Bluegrass Stake split in 1:52.2 in his last start before breaking stride in his Breeders Crown elim for the 2YO Colt Trot. His unpredictable gait continued alongside his increasing show of talent as a 3-year-old with the Ready Express colt galloping in his Hambletonian elimination, at the end of a 1:49.4 mile in the \$50,000 Muscle Hill (losing to **JUJUBEE**), in the \$325,000 Zweig Memorial at Vernon Downs, the \$240,000 Goodtimes Final at Woodbine Mohawk Park and in the \$561,000 Kentucky Futurity. However, when flat, he won a \$135,500 Stanley Dancer Memorial division in 1:50.1 at The Meadowlands and the \$250,000 Kentucky Championship Series Final in 1:49.3 at The Red Mile. He kept his gait in his Breeders Crown elimination to uncork a :26.4 final quarter to finish fourth (to **CUATRO DE JULIO**). A homebred for Menhammar Stuteri AB, which is yet to own a Breeders Crown winner. The closest it came was with a second-place finish by Per Eriksson trainee Chili Con Carne in the 1997 2YO Filly Trot. With horses they bred, Menhammar Stuteri AB came closest to a trophy with a third-place finish by In The Shell in the 2004 3YO Filly Trot.

LOGAN PARK (Archangel-Rite Outa The Park-Muscle Mass)



A quirky freshman who exhibited talent early in his career. Breaking stride frequently as a 2-year-old, he showed promise when flat with a win in a \$20,000 prelim for the Millard Farms Series at Woodbine Mohawk Park and a fourth in the \$79,000 final. He showed sharp speed at 90-1 in the \$545,000 William Wellwood Memorial before his gait issues resurfaced and he galloped and finished eighth. He pulled a

24-1 upset the following week in a prelim of the OSS Gold and ultimately finished eighth in the Super Final. Started his 3-year-old season in June with Ontario racing reopening from its third shutdown and became a force in the Ontario Sires Stakes, winning four preliminaries and traveling a tough-luck trip to the top to finish second in the \$225,000 Super Final. Since adding Lasix on Oct. 4 of this year, he won an OSS Gold prelim, was second in the Super Final and second in his Breeders Crown elimination (to **AMBASSADOR HANOVER**). Trained by Robert Don Fellows, who is yet to win a Breeders Crown trophy. The closest he came was a third-place finish with Sturdy Lori in the 2002 3YO Filly Trot. Bred by Reg and Don Higgs, who will have their first horse compete in a Breeders Crown race. Owned by Outofthepark Stable, Reg Higgs and Arpad Szabo.

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INAMINUTE HANOVER, trainer Luc Blais: He raced super good. I'm very pleased with him. In the beginning [of the year] he showed something. I raced him in the sire stakes in Pennsylvania, and he showed something. He was a late bloomer. He is a big horse. When I went back to Canada, I gave him some time off, and he came back stronger. He raced good the last couple weeks, so that's why we gave him a chance here. He looked so good in Canada, he deserved a shot.

AMBASSADOR HANOVER, trainer Ake Svanstedt: He was better than normal. He had a little break after he was bad those three races in a row. So, we turned him out a little and he needed a break. But now he is good again. He came home good in Lexington, also, in the Kentucky Futurity. He was the last horse coming into the stretch and he came home good. So, he had top form.

Svanstedt quotes from winner's circle: He can leave very fast. I was a little surprised, he was really good today. He was the best I ever felt him.

On pulling shoes – The Meadowlands is a very nice track. Horses come out of the races much better if they race without shoes. I like to race them without shoes. Of course, you make the decision the day of but at the Meadowlands it's a nice track. Most tracks you see how they warm up first.

CUATRO DE JULIO, trainer Maria Ortolan Bar: We fixed my problem. I have special shoes for him. We had some issues with his feet. We now have shoes he likes, he has problems in his heels. Today the Meadowlands didn't scare him, his feet were good. I'm super happy.

My horse is very good. The problem is sometimes his feet like every Ready Cash are an issue. He is like his mother. She is a broodmare but cannot live without shoes. He is very sensitive, that is the only problem. He is a very strong horse.

DELAYED HANOVER, trainer Ake Svanstedt: He was better. He stopped a little in the middle of the stretch, so they passed him, but then he picked up the speed again. But he was good. Maybe it was too early for him to go at the half. We must wait a little. Maybe he can be better next week. But he will need to be if he is going to make money. He is feeling better again.

JUJUBEE, trainer Greg Wright Jr.: Andrew [McCarthy] said he was struggling with the track, it was real deep. But [Cuatro De Julio] is a good horse too. I'm a little disappointed, but I feel a little guilty for being disappointed. The track I think played a little factor, and having the rail, he didn't get away the best. But Andrew said he wasn't disappointed with him. I hadn't made any changes with him shoeing wise coming from Lexington, but it's something to think about. We'll see how next week is.

On the year: It's real special. It's just been unbelievable. I'm bummed out right now a little bit, but I shouldn't be. He's spoiled me a little bit. Looking at the [television] screen going to the gate, and he was 1-5, and I couldn't believe I was in this situation.

What most impresses: He's been going for a long time, all year, and we haven't had any problems with him. He qualified in March, and he shows up every week and tries. He's just such a good horse. When we brought him here on Hambo Day, the main reason we brought him was we were hoping to get a mark around (1):50 and change on him. Then, when [1:49.4] popped up, and in Lexington he was so good there, it's unbelievable.

FLY LIGHT, trainer Ake Svanstedt: He was good. He got stuck behind a horse the last half that didn't help him at all, but he came home good. He had good form.

IN RANGE, trainer Marcus Melander: He raced OK. It's been a long season for him. He went with shoes [in his elimination], he's been racing without shoes the last couple starts, so we'll definitely be sharper next week when we pull his shoes again. He's had an OK year. He misses that big win, but he's had some bad luck in some of the big races. He's been right there, but he misses that big win. I think it may be hard for him to win the Breeders Crown as well, but he always does his job. If he gets a good post, he can get a good check.

DANCINGINTHEDARK M, trainer Marcus Melander: He raced very well. It was very slow fractions, and it doesn't really fit my horse. It needs to be a good tempo all the way, especially when he was fourth over on the outside. But he finished very good. We know he's good enough to win a race like the final. He just needs to behave. [In his elimination] he looked pretty safe and Brian was happy with him.

