

PP 1 Silly Me Hanover (Walner-Shared Past-Chocolatier)

From the mare Shared Past, who failed to make the 2013 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot Final when breaking stride in her elimination, Silly Me Hanover will attempt to make amends when she starts from the pylon post in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

She has just two wins on her card, both of which came in preliminaries of the Pure Ivory Series at Woodbine Mohawk Park in July. After breaking stride in her Peaceful Way elimination, she rebounded with an off-the-pace third-place finish in an \$83,098 Champlain Stakes division (to **RIGHTEOUS RESOLVE**) before finishing second to Oh Well in the Mohawk Million. She enters the Breeders Crown off a fourth-place finish in her elimination (to **SPECIAL WAY**).

Owned by Serge Godin's Determination, which has three Breeders Crown trophies but none in this event.

Trainer Luc Blais has four Breeders Crown wins but none in this event.

Driver Bob McClure has just one Breeders Crown win with On A Streak in the 2020 2-Year-Old Colt Trot.

Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, the leading breeder by earnings in the Breeders Crown.

Trainer Luc Blais: I'm very pleased about the way she raced. The fractions were not too fast at the half, and she came :55.4 the last half. I don't know how good she is going to be, but she acts like a very nice filly. I think she has speed, and she has size. We'll see. It's going to be a good test next week.

PP 2 Tactical Planner (Tactical Landing-Dressed To Impress-Andover Hall)

She has just one win on her card from eight starts, which came with a 67-1 upset in the \$80,500 Pure Ivory Final at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Aug. 4. Since then she's struggled with her gait, breaking stride in her Peaceful Way elimination, the \$362,000 Peaceful Way Final and an \$82,097 Champlain Stakes division.

She finished eighth in the sole Breeders Crown elimination, grabbing the last slot to the Final. The race was won by **SPECIAL WAY**.

Trainer R. Dustin Jones has just two Breeders Crown wins from nine starters, but both have come with trotting 2-year-olds: Wheeling N Dealin in the 2012 2-Year-Old Colt Trot and Martiniontherocks in the 2010 2-Year-Old Filly Trot. Jones tries for his second win in this event while his son, driver Tyler Jones, makes his Breeders Crown debut.

Tyler Jones co-owns the filly with breeder Andrea Lea Racingstables Inc., which had just one Breeders Crown Starter with Magical Wonder in the 2015 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

As an owner however, Andrea Lea Racing won a Breeders Crown in 2017 with Southwind Serena in the 3-Year-Old Filly Trot.

Driver Tyler Jones (son of trainer Dustin Jones):

She's a quirky filly. She's super talented. She won the Pure Ivory and raced good in her next start, but then all summer she just had an issue here, an issue there. Finally, we sort of settled everything up and we schooled her, and she was awesome. I thought her (previous) start, when she came home in :27, was maybe her best race.

She picked it up and made the final. Martiniontherocks won the (2010 Breeders Crown) final at 30-1 from an outside position (for dad Dustin Jones) so you never know what can happen in a final, especially with 2-year-old trotting fillies.

PP 3 Instagram Model (Chapter Seven-Check Out Trixie-Trixton)

Winner of the Jim Doherty Memorial, which guaranteed her a **Win And You're In** berth in the Breeders Crown final. She will try to become the eleventh to win both the Jim Doherty Memorial (formerly the Merrie Annabelle) and the Breeders Crown in the same year, with Manchego the last to accomplish the double in 2017 (Peace Corps was the first in 1988). She's out of a mare who was the second foal from 2011 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot champ Check Me Out. Since winning the Doherty Memorial, Instagram Model has won three straight races, taking a New York Sires Stakes prelim at Vernon Downs followed by a Kindergarten Classic leg and a \$36,000 Reynolds Memorial division.

Trained by Annie Stoebe, who moved from Montana to New Jersey in 2014 and became a groom for trainer Brett Bittle. Also an amateur driver, Stoebe makes her Breeders Crown debut.

Driver Scott Zeron tries for his first win in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot but has five trophies to his name, two of which came in 2021 with Monte Miki in the 2-Year-Old Colt Trot and Rocknificent in the Open Mare Pace.

Owned by R. Lynn Curry, who also makes his Breeders Crown debut.

Bred by Steve Jones and Ray Schnittker. Schnittker bred 2016 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champ Huntsville while Steve Jones bred two Breeders Crown winners in 2007 2-Year-Old Colt Trot champ Deweycheatumnhowe and 2008 2-Year-Old Colt Pace champ Well Said.

Trainer Annie Stoebe: She's very good. Scott (Zeron) came down and trained her at Gaitway (on Oct. 11) and went a mile in (1):55 with a pretty wicked back half. Then I trained her in the bike on (Oct. 21) and she came a half in :55. I'll give her a light training on Monday and ship her up Wednesday morning.

It's a dream year. She's a very talented filly. The second she hit the track the first time, she was all business and she's kept the same mindset all year. She has a great work ethic. She shows up to work every day. Whether it's jogging, training or in a race, she's a pretty tough filly. She doesn't get nervous. She's all about doing her job.

Both for my owner (Lynn Curry) and I, it's pretty surreal. To have the opportunity to have a horse in the Breeders Crown is, for anyone, a huge feat. But to have a filly that talented is very, very special.

I have seven horses right now. I picked up two babies in Lexington. I'll be going to Harrisburg to get a couple more. So, I'll have a busy winter. Right now, I have only two racing. I got three babies last year, and one of them was (Instagram Model).

Scott did a lot to get healthy to be able to drive at the Breeders Crown. He really pushed himself to be ready.

PP 4 Special Way (Walner-Special Hill-Muscle Hill)

Since winning a Kentucky Championship preliminary on Aug. 15, she has not lost a race in her five following starts. She swept the Kentucky Championship Series, followed with a victory in an \$118,000 Bluegrass division on Sept. 30 before strolling to a 1:54.1 victory in her Breeders Crown elimination by three lengths.

Special Way is trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt's eighth starter in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot as the trainer looks to add to his two Breeders Crown trophies, both obtained last year. Svanstedt also trains **LIFE ITSELF**.

A homebred for Brittany Farms – the all-time leader in Breeders Crown trophies with 28 – along with Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld.

Brittany Farms breds have won the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot eight times while Al Libfeld has bred four winners, three of which were with Marvin Katz. Katz & Libfeld last won the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot with their homebred Ariana G in 2016. Along with Brittany Farms, Katz & Libfeld are the only breeders to win back-to-back 2-Year-Old Filly Trots with a homebred.

Brittany Farms won this race three years in a row from 2004 to 2006 with horses it bred and owned.

SPECIAL WAY, trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt:

She is a special horse. She is a real racehorse. When she trains, she doesn't seem like she is so good, but when she comes to the racetrack and to race, then she is perfect, and she really wants to win. She needed a couple of races, and then she understood what was going on and she improved. She has a very good head and a big heart. Her gait is also good; you can't feel the speed when you drive her.

PP 5 Mambacita (Tactical Landing-Bills Lady-Donato Hanover)

A four-time winner in 10 starts with those wins coming in a New Jersey Sires Stakes prelim, a Kindergarten Classic prelim, a \$118,000 Bluegrass division and a \$105,900 International Stallion Stakes division. She finished second earlier this year in the \$355,000 Jim Doherty Memorial (to **INSTAGRAM MODEL**) and third in her Breeders Crown elimination (to **SPECIAL WAY**)

Trainer Tony Alagna tries for his second victory in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot, having won the 2019 edition with Ramona Hill. Altogether, Alagna has six Breeders Crown trophies.

Driver Yannick Gingras, who won this race in 2012 and four years in a row from 2014 through 2017, will try to break his tie with John Campbell for most wins in this event at five.

Owners Alagna Racing LLC, Crawford Farms Racing and Pryde Stables Inc. Alagna Racing tries for its first trophy, Crawford Farms Racing has four trophies and Pryde Stables Inc. makes its Breeders Crown debut.

Bred by Crawford Farms, which also co-owned Ramona Hill.

Trainer Tony Alagna: I thought she raced OK. I didn't think she was quite as sharp as she had been in Lexington. We scoped her and she had some mucous, so we'll work on her for the final. She's had a very nice year. I just know she's better than what she showed (in the elimination), so that was a little disappointing, but hopefully we can get her right for the final.

PP 6 Walner Payton (Walner-Lonely Lady-Muscle Hill)

She has finished runner-up to **SPECIAL WAY** in five of her last six starts, including in the Breeders Crown elimination. Walner Payton otherwise has wins in the \$240,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final and a \$105,900 International Stallion Stakes division, but was second to **SPECIAL WAY** in the \$400,000 Kentucky Championship Series Final and a \$118,000 Bluegrass division.

Trainer Chris Ryder makes his debut in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot after having won five Breeders Crown trophies from 38 starts.

Driver Dexter Dunn also tries for his first win in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot after finishing fifth in the 2021 edition with Lilbitalexis. This is Dunn's third appearance in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot, though he already has eight Breeders Crown trophies.

Owned by Kenneth Jacobs, who has two Breeders Crown trophies – one with Heston Blue Chip in the 2012 3-Year-Old Colt Pace and one with Walner in the 2016 2-Year-Old Colt Trot. This is Ken Jacobs's first starter in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

Bred by Steve Stewart and Douglas Hutchins.

Stewart has bred five Breeders Crown winners including 2014 2-Year-Old Filly Trot champ Mission Brief.

Douglas Hutchins bred 2016 3-Year-Old Colt Trot champ Bar Hopping.

Trainer Chris Ryder:

She's as honest as the day is long. She just can't beat (Special Way). My filly is a real nice filly, but she can't match that one. It's (Special Way's) race to lose.

PP 7 Righteous Resolve (Resolve-Motown Muscle-Muscle Mass)

Her only blemish in nine starts came in her second race, where she finished second in an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold preliminary. She has won every other start, including the \$362,000 Peaceful Way and \$225,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final.

She will try to become just the fourth to win both the Peaceful Way Stakes and Breeders Crown in the same year; only Snow White (2007), Ariana G (2016) and Manchego (2017) have accomplished the double. She's a homebred full sister to Duly Resolved, who finished eighth in the 2021 2-Year-Old Colt Trot.

12 fillies entered the 2-year-old filly trot. Instagram Model went straight to the final, having won the Jim Doherty Memorial to earn Win And You're In status. Of the remaining 11 fillies, Righteous Resolve got a bye to the final as the highest money-earner, and the other 10 fillies raced for eight spots on the gate.

Owner-breeders Bet Max Stables Inc. and Benenati Inc. make their first Breeders Crown start as owners.

Trainer John Bax has just one Breeders Crown win from 20 starts when Duke Of York pulled the largest upset of the 2-Year-Old Colt Trot in 2001 and paying \$70.30 to win.

Driver Paul MacDonell has eight Breeders Crown trophies and has made seven appearances in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot, most recently when teaming with John Bax to finish fifth in 2014 with Stubborn Belle.

Matt Bax (son of trainer John Bax): She trained great (Saturday). I don't mind the week off. She had a race (Oct. 15, winning the Ontario Sire Stakes championship) so we were happy to take the bye and (post) seven isn't that bad in the final. We're happy going into it. I wasn't expecting the phone call to get a bye, but we'll take it.

She's been strong; I can't knock her on anything. She's just done everything right from day one. We knew that with her brother (O'Brien Award winner Duly Resolved) being as good as he is, that she could have some ability. But we didn't expect that much. How many out of the mare are going to be as good as they are?

She is a big, strong mare. When she gets fired up in a race and gets going, it doesn't feel like she's ever going to stop.

The owners didn't put her in the Mohawk Million (on Sept. 24), which should help her. Our thought was that if she didn't go, she would be fresh and good for the Breeders Crown, and I think that's what the owners thought too. I guess we'll find out next week whether that plan worked out. They were looking out for the welfare of the horse, and it's going to help her next year too.

PP 8 Life Itself (Walner-Inspired By Life-Muscle Massive)

With just one win from 10 starts, Life Itself has still managed to hit the board in six of her 10 starts. She has finished second in two Kentucky Championship prelims and a \$118,000 Bluegrass division and third in the \$400,000 Kentucky Championship Final (to **SPECIAL WAY** and **WALNER PAYTON**, respectively).

Life Itself is trainer-driver Ake Svanstedt's ninth starter in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot as the trainer looks to add to his two Breeders Crown trophies, both obtained last year. Svanstedt also trains **SPECIAL WAY**.

Driver Tim Tetrick tries for his first win in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot. Tetrick was the regular driver of 2011 2-Year-Old Filly Trot winner Check Me Out, but a snowstorm hitting the east coast kept him along with several other drivers unable to fly to Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

Life Itself is owned by Santandrea Inc., which sends its first Breeders Crown starter.

Bred by Marvin Katz & Al Libfeld, who together have bred three winners in this event (Al Libfeld has bred four).

PP 9 Blonde Bombshell (Walner-Hey Blondie-Cantab Hall)

From the broodmare Hey Blondie, who finished fifth in the 2017 2-Year-Old Filly Trot won by Manchego. Blonde Bombshell had just one race prior to her Breeders Crown elimination – a win in an overnight race at The Red Mile. Her season began late due to an injury in her stall which trainer "Nifty" Norman said was a result of her getting spooked.

Richard "Nifty" Norman has one win in this race, which came in 2009 with Poof Shes Gone, but altogether he has seven Breeders Crown trophies.

Driver David Miller piloted Poof Shes Gone along with two other winners of the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot – Forever Scarlet (2003) and Lady Chaos (2020). David Miller ranks second all-time among driver's earnings in the Breeders Crown, but ranks fourth in trophies with 29.

Blonde Bombshell is owned by David McDuffee, Melvin Hartman and Paul Bordogna – the last of whom co-bred the filly.

Steve Jones and Mary Kinsey Arnold also bred the filly. Dave McDuffee and Melvin Hartman also co-owned 2009 winner Poof Shes Gone.

Trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman: I think the run with do her good. I was real happy with her. She's smart, not hot, very relaxed. She's a nice horse.

PP 10 Secret Volo (Walner-Secret Serenity-Muscle Hill)

Her only win came in an overnight race at The Meadowlands on Sept. 9. She has otherwise finished fifth in the \$240,000 New York Sires Stakes Final, fifth in the \$355,000 Jim Doherty Memorial, third in an \$118,000 Bluegrass division and second in a \$105,900 International Stallion Stake division. She finished fifth in her Breeders Crown elimination (to **SPECIAL WAY**).

Trainer Marcus Melander tries for his second win in the 2-Year-Old Filly Trot after winning in his third try (from four starters overall) in the 2021 edition with Joviality S. He'll try to be the fourth trainer to win this event in back-to-back years, joining Chuck Sylvester (1991-1992), Per Eriksson (1998-1999) and Jimmy Takter (2004-2005, 2012-2013, 2015-2017).

Driver Brian Sears only win in this event came with Joviality S in 2021, though he ranks second all-time in Breeders Crown wins among drivers with 35 trophies.

Secret Volo races for owners Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable and Rick Wahlstedt, all of whom try for their first Breeders Crown trophy (Kenneth Kjellgren and Rick Wahlstedt came close with a second-place finish in the 2020 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with In Range).

Secret Volo was bred by Jorgen Jahre and Kentuckiana Farms LLC. Kentuckiana has eight trophies and bred 2008 2-Year-Old Filly Trot winner Honorable Daughter.

Jorgen Jahre has five Breeders Crown trophies, three of which came in consecutive years with Lily Stride (2018 3FT) and Amigo Volo (2019 2CT, 2020 3CT).

Trainer Marcus Melander:

She's a nice horse. She's right under the best ones. She doesn't win every week, but she's always right there with them. She's not a big filly, but she's fast. If she gets a decent trip, she's always there making money. She deserves to be in the final.