

## Abuckabett Hanover (Betting Line-All Tucked Up-Western Ideal)



Abuckabett Hanover is a 4-year-old son of Betting Line, who was fourth in his elimination and third in the final of the 2015 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace.

This will be Abuckabett Hanover's third Breeders Crown appearance. He was fourth in his elimination and tenth in the final in the 2020 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace and third in his elimination and tenth in the final of the 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace a year ago.

Abuckabett Hanover has one stakes victory in 2022, which came in a leg of the Graduate Series at the Meadowlands. Trainer Tony Alagna won the 2019 Breeders Crown Open Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park with American History.

He's owned by Crawford Farms Racing, a four-time Breeders Crown champion, along with Alagna Racing, Jablonsky Held Stable (Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky and Steven Head) and Barbara N Wienick Stable. The other members of his ownership group haven't won a Breeders Crown to date.

Abuckabett Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and sold for \$160,000 at the 2019 Standardbred Horse Sale. Hanover has the most earnings by a breeder in Crown history and is second to Brittany Farms for number of trophies (27).

### Trainer Tony Alagna:

"He's been too far back every start, so he can't get in the race for some reason this year. Hopefully at some point he's going to get involved where he can do some good. I don't know how many times you can get home in :24.4. He's just raced his guts out to be fourth.

He can be a player. Of course, he's going against Bulldog (Hanover). But other than that, he's shown the ability to get a good piece"

## **Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous-Anderosa Hanover-The Panderosa)**



Allywag Hanover is a 5-year-old gelding by Captaintreacherous, who was third in the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace final in 2012 and won the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace final the next year.

Allywag Hanover will be making his fourth Breeders Crown appearance. He was sixth in his elimination and the final of the 2019 2-Year-Old Colt Pace, was eighth in his elimination of the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace in 2020, which didn't earn him a place in the final, and was third in the Open Pace last year.

He enters the Breeders Crown having become the fastest gelding in harness racing history in his last start in the Allerage Farms Open Pace at The Red Mile as he defeated Bulldog Hanover in 1:46 flat. He also won the Always B Miki Invitational at Pocono earlier in the season.

Trainer Brett Pelling is a two-time Breeders Crown Open Pace winner, having taken the 2000 edition with Western Ideal and the 1997 running with Armbro Operative.

Owner Allywag Stable is comprised of Anatolia Racing LLC., Let It Ride Stables Inc., Adam Bowden, Fred Hertrich, Dan Lagace, Malcolm Nicholas, Dana Parham, Diamond Creek Racing, and McKinlay & Fielding.

Allywag Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and sold for \$95,000 at the 2018 Standardbred Horse Sale. Hanover has the most earnings by a breeder in Crown history and is second to Brittany Farms for number of trophies (27).

### **Trainer Brett Pelling:**

He's a beast. People don't give him the kudos that he deserves. When you're around him, trust me, he gives you chills. I'm pretty good with a watch, I've been doing this for a long, long time, and he gets me every time. You have no idea how fast he is traveling, and he's got a very unique way of going, and it's just plain fast. And it's a different kind of speed. It's raw. When I train him, I'm 65 years old, and there is a level of pain to train him. He hurts you. It's not an armchair situation at all. I do things different with him all the time when training, and it's more actually just trying to trick him. He's tough.

## American Courage (American Ideal-Nota Fool Bluechip-Art Major)



American Courage is a 4-year-old son of American Ideal, who was second in his elimination and seventh in the final of the 2005 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace.

This will be the Breeders Crown debut for last year's MGM Messenger Stakes champion.

American Courage doesn't have any stakes victories so far in 2022 but won multiple editions of the Open at Yonkers

Raceway and was second to fellow Breeders Crown Open Pace finalist Allywag Hanover in the Always B Miki Invitational at Pocono.

Trainer Travis Alexander and owner/breeder Fiddler's Creek Stables LLC. (Mark Wasserman et al.) are in search of their first Breeders Crown titles.

### **Trainer Travis Alexander:**

He's doing very well. He raced great in the Aria Invitational at Yonkers (finishing third on Oct. 15). That's why I'm glad there were no elims (on Oct. 22) because he went that mile-and-a-quarter and paced a world record of his own; he was four-fifths faster than the previous world record. It would have been a tall task to come back for elims. Him being off the week is a blessing.

On his year: It could have been better. The 4-year-old year is so tough, the transition, and chasing Bulldog (Hanover). Whatever changed between (ages) 3 and 4 for Bulldog made him into a monster. It's amazing to see. I'm glad I get to watch it and chase him, and I'm happy for Jack (Darling). Jack's a great guy and it's great for the sport.

Any differences in American Courage this year: He's grown up a lot, he's filled out. He's matured quite a bit and as the season has gone on, he's matured more. He's getting better. We're going to stand him at Blue Chip next year and race him. We're looking forward to that. He's so good on a half. He can pace as fast on a half as he can on a mile. With the Borgata Series at Yonkers in mind (for next year), and them coming to us, it made sense.



## **Bulldog Hanover (Shadow Play-BJ's Squall-Artsplace)**

Bulldog Hanover, currently the top-ranked horse in harness racing in the weekly poll, is a 4-year-old son of Shadow Play, who finished second in Breeders Crown finals in both 2008 (3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace) and 2009 (Open Pace).

This will be Bulldog Hanover's Breeders Crown debut. His dam, BJ's Squall, was fifth in her elimination for the 2000 2-Year-Old Filly Pace but was scratched sick in the final.



The marquee Standardbred of the 2022 season, Bulldog Hanover became the fastest horse in the history of the sport when he won the William R. Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands in 1:45.4 on July 16. He also bred a limited book of mares (79) under Seelster Farms management.

His other stakes successes include a division of the Roll With Joe at the Meadowlands, the Graduate Series final at the Meadowlands, the Dan Patch at Harrah's Hoosier Park, the Canadian Pacing Derby at Woodbine Mohawk Park, the Harrah's Hoosier Park Pacing Derby, and the Dayton Pacing Derby at Hollywood Gaming Dayton Raceway. He has five total victories in 1:47 or faster.

Bulldog Hanover is co-owned by trainer Jack Darling in partnership with Brad Grant. Darling is in search of his first Breeders Crown champion, but Grant has been a winning owner on three occasions.

The four-year-old Bulldog Hanover enters the Breeders Crown off a rare defeat. The Darling trainee was upset by Allywag Hanover in the Allerage at The Red Mile on October 29. The star pacers are set for a rematch on October 29 and are part of an 11-horse field for the Breeders Crown Open Pace.

The world champion turned in a 1:51.2 qualifying mile prep for next Saturday's Breeders Crown Open Pace. Dexter Dunn came into town early to guide the Jack Darling trainee. Facing three rivals, Bulldog Hanover paced out to the lead and posted fractions of :28.4, :56.4 and 1:24.3 before storming home in :26.4. The nearest rival to 'Bulldog' was 29 lengths back.

"He looked awesome. I've never seen him look any better," said Darling. "Dexter couldn't get him pulled up after the wire. He went a full lap after (the qualifier) and he still had trouble on the backside. So, he's as good as he could be going into the final.

Bulldog Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and sold for \$28,000 at the 2019 Standardbred Horse Sale. Hanover has the most earnings by a breeder in Crown history and is second to Brittany Farms for number of trophies (27).

### **Trainer Jack Darling:**

On his 1:51.2 qualifier Oct. 21: He looked awesome. I've never seen him look any better. Dexter couldn't get him pulled up after the wire. He went a full lap after (the qualifier) and he still had trouble on the backside. So, he's as good as he could be going into the final. (continued next page)

I was looking to get a race. I was actually hoping there would be elims, and I would have raced him in the open too, but nothing filled. He just likes to mix it up a little and have some fun. He loves to race. I'm glad I brought him. It was a good tightener for him. He's in good shape.

On his loss in the Allerage: It was a heartbreaker. But, like I look at it, it wasn't really a race. We weren't racing a horse, we were racing the clock. Everybody was there to see him take a run at (the world record). We were just hoping there would be somebody in there that would leave and do a little bit of work. When nobody left, Dexter (Dunn) was out there and had to do what he did. He took a shot. We'll try to shake it off.

People have asked me if he was as good as he's been; I don't know. I still can't help but think if he would have sat in the two-hole and somebody else went fractions like that (:26.2, :52.2, 1:19.1), we'd be talking about a new world record. That's what I believe. Any horse racing today that went fractions like him would have just caved in the stretch. And he gave it all he had. He's just that kind of a horse. He won't give up.

## Lou's Pearlman (Sweet Lou-Lucy's Pearl-Well Said)

Lou's Pearlman is a 4-year-old by Sweet Lou, who raced in four Breeders Crowns. Sweet Lou won the 2011 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace, then finished second in the 2012 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace and the 2014 Open Pace and sixth in the 2013 Open Pace



This is Lou's Pearlman's third Breeders Crown appearance, but he hasn't made a final yet. He was sixth in his elimination in the 2020 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace and sixth again last year in his 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace elimination.

Last year's Little Brown Jug champion, Lou's Pearlman has three wins this season, all in overnight races.

He is one of three horses that will be sent out by trainer Ron Burke in the Breeders Crown Open Pace final. Burke has won the Breeders Crown Open Pace three times (2013, Foiled Again and 2009 and 2010, Won The West). Overall, Burke is the second-most successful trainer in Crown history in terms of trophies (18) and earnings (\$10.82 million), trailing only Jimmy Takter.

Lou's Pearlman is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC. (Sylvia Burke), Weaver Brusceci LLC. (Mark Weaver and Michael Brusceci), Elizabeth Novak, and Howard Taylor. Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Brusceci LLC. are the second- and third-winningest owners in Breeders Crown history in terms of trophies (13 for Burke Racing and 12 for Weaver Brusceci) and earnings (\$8 million for Burke Racing and \$7.1 million for Weaver Brusceci). Howard Taylor has won five Breeders Crowns, and Elizabeth Novak is in search of her first.

Lou's Pearlman is a homebred for the Burke Racing/Weaver Brusceci partnership along with Elizabeth Novak. They haven't bred a Breeders Crown champion to date.

## My Pal Joe (Roll With Joe-PH Diagnosis-American Ideal)



My Pal Joe is a 5-year-old gelding by Roll With Joe. Roll With Joe was third in his elimination and second in the final of the 2011 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace at Woodbine Racetrack.

My Pal Joe is making his Breeders Crown debut.

He has two victories this year, both in overnight action. He was fourth in the Allerage Farms Open Pace last time out.

Trainer Alek Chartrand and owner United Process Control Co. (Robert Marzoli) are in search of their first Breeders Crown victories.

Bred by Winbak Farm, My Pal Joe sold for \$60,000 at the 2018 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Winbak Farm has picked up eight trophies in Breeders Crown action.

## Poseidon Seelster (Sunshine Beach-Porsche Seelster-Artistic Fella)



Poseidon Seelster is a 5-year-old gelding by Sunshine Beach. Sunshine Beach was second in his elimination and the final of the 2013 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Poseidon Seelster is making his Breeders Crown debut.

He has one stakes victory this year as he captured a leg of the MGM Borgata Pacing Series at Yonkers Raceway. His other two wins in 2022 have been in overnight races at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He raced in the Canadian Pacing Derby final at Woodbine Mohawk Park and finished third to Bulldog Hanover and Tattoo Artist.

He'd be the first Breeders Crown winner for co-owner/trainer Donald Lindsey or co-owners Paul Kleinpaste, William Alempijevic, Garth Bechtel.

Bred by Seelster Farms, Poseidon Seelster sold for \$16,000 at the 2018 London Selected Yearling Sale. Seelster Farms has one victory in the Breeders Crown with Eager Seelster in the 1994 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot.

### Trainer Don Lindsey:

He is a very talented horse. We probably didn't have the year we wanted, we had some ups and downs. It's a pretty daunting task to show up and pay a starting fee to race against Bulldog (Hanover), Tattoo (Artist), and Allywag (Hanover). It was a tough decision, but his last race at Yonkers (in the Aria Invitational), he couldn't have been any better. He was really sharp, so we decided to take a shot. We'll hopefully put in a good showing and get a piece of it. He's a nice horse, but Bulldog this summer was just unbelievable. My horse probably put one of his best races of his life just to finish third in the Canadian Pacing Derby. Now, you add Allywag to the mix, so it's going to be even tougher.



## Tattoo Artist (He's Watching-Stylish Artist-Artsplace)



Tattoo Artist is a 5-year-old He's Watching stallion. He's Watching raced in the eliminations for the 2014 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace at the Meadowlands but finished seventh and didn't make the final.

Tattoo Artist will be making his first start in the Breeders Crown, but his dam Stylish Artist won her elimination and the final of the 2007 2-Year-Old Filly Pace at the Meadowlands. She also made the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace final in 2008 at the Meadowlands, finishing eighth.

Tattoo Artist's stakes victories in 2022 include two legs of the MGM Borgata Pacing Series at Yonkers Raceway, the Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial at Saratoga Casino Hotel, and the #SendItIn Invitational at Eldorado Scioto Downs. He was also second to Bulldog Hanover in the Canadian Pacing Derby final. He was also in Bulldog Hanover's world record 1:45.4 victory in the William R. Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands in July and finished third. He comes into the Breeders Crown final on a three race win streak at the Open level at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Trainer Dr. Ian Moore won the 2020 Breeders Crown Open Pace at Harrah's Hoosier Park with Century Farroh, and that's Dr. Moore's one career Breeders Crown victory. Co-owner Let It Ride Stables (Eric Cherry) has a single Breeders Crown win, co-owner Diamond Creek Racing has a pair, and co-owner Frank Cannon is in search of his first Breeders Crown champion.

Tattoo Artist was bred by Tara Hills Stud, whose lone Breeders Crown triumph came with Poof She's Gone in the 2009 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

### **Trainer Ian Moore:**

He's just one of the sweetest little horses I've ever had. The last two years we've only seen him only intermittently because of the coronavirus, so we're glad he's been here for a while (this year). He's a great little horse. I just love him. He's almost the perfect horse. You could take half-an-hour to jog one lap if you want, or you could go a :25 quarter anytime you want to too.

I was hoping to get a prep race for him because the last three starts he's been on a two-week schedule. It's still two weeks, so I guess we'll train him Tuesday or Wednesday and go with that. I didn't think he needed a qualifier, not that bad. Anyway, he'll give you all he's got, that's for sure. He's approaching a couple million dollars in earnings now and he's raced a lot of good horses. He's a tough little bugger, I'll tell you that.

## **This Is The Plan (Somebeachsomewhere-That's The Plan-Western Ideal)**



This Is The Plan is a 7-year-old gelding by the late Somebeachsomewhere, the winner of the 2008 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace. This Is The Plan will be racing in his sixth Breeders Crown final. He was fifth-placed-sixth in the 2017 2-Year-Old Colt Pace, third in the 2018 3-Year-Old Colt Pace, fifth in the 2019 Open Pace, fourth in the 2020 Open Pace, and ninth in the Open Pace a year ago. This Is The Plan's two stakes wins this year came in two legs of the MGM Borgata Pacing Series at Yonkers.

He is one of three horses that will be sent out by trainer Ron Burke in the Breeders Crown Open Pace final. Burke has won the Breeders Crown Open Pace three times (2013, Foiled Again and 2009 and 2010, Won The West). Overall, Burke is the second-most successful trainer in Crown history in terms of trophies (18) and earnings (\$10.82 million), trailing only Jimmy Takter.

This Is The Plan is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC. (Sylvia Burke), Weaver Brusceci LLC. (Mark Weaver and Michael Brusceci), J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby (Jerry Silva, Theresa Silva, Purnel Jones, and Elizabeth Jones), and Larry Karr. Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Brusceci LLC. are the second- and third-winningest owners in Breeders Crown history in terms of trophies (13 for Burke Racing and 12 for Weaver Brusceci) and earnings (\$8 million for Burke Racing and \$7.1 million for Weaver Brusceci). The J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby group has won three Crowns, and Larry Karr has one.

This Is The Plan was bred by Moni Market Breeders and sold for \$90,000 at the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale. Moni Market Breeders took the 2007 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot final with Snow White.

## Warrawee Vital (Captaintreacheros-Great Memories-Apaches Fame)



Warrawee Vital is a 5-year-old stallion by Captaintreacheros, who was third in the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace final in 2012 and won the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace final the following year. Warrawee Vital raced in the 2020 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace, finishing second in his elimination and ninth in the final, and was seventh in last year's Breeders Crown Open Pace final.

Warrawee Vital doesn't have any stakes wins in 2022, but has won multiple editions of the Open Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park and an Open at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Trainer Rob Fellows has a best result of third in a Breeders Crown final, that coming with Sturdy Lori in the 2002 3-Year-Old Filly Trot. Warrawee Vital would be the first Breeders Crown champion for any of his owners - Blair Corbeil, Yolanda Fellows, and M&S Racing Stable Inc. (Murray Cox and Sharon Roden-Cox).

Warrawee Vital was bred by Warrawee Farm and sold for \$32,000 at the 2018 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. He is a half-brother to Warrawee Ubeaut, the Breeders Crown champion in both the 2018 2-Year-Old Filly Pace and the 2019 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. Warrawee Ubeaut also provided Warrawee Farm with their two Breeders Crown successes.

### **Trainer Robert Fellows:**

In the summer, he was very good. He's tailed off a little bit. His outgoing style won't suit these top horses he's in against because they're just plain better. But it's a horse race. Hopefully we have a good draw and he's healthy and gives a good showing. He's come back from some injuries the last couple years, and we're glad he made it back. When he's good, he's very good. He was good going into the (Canadian) Pacing Derby, and then drew the 10 hole. With his style, he likes to be part of it; he doesn't race really good from off the pace. He'll have to do that against this bunch. He'll have to learn new things. This is a stretch for him, but he's ours and this is our local track.

## Workin Ona Mystery (Captaintreacherous-Dragon's Tale-Dragon Again)



Workin Ona Mystery is a 6-year-old stallion by Captaintreacherous, who was third in the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace final in 2012 and won the 3-Year-Old Colt Pace final the following year. This is Workin Ona Mystery's second Breeders Crown final, as he was tenth in last year's Open Pace. He also raced in the eliminations for the 2018 2-Year-Old Colt Pace but finished sixth and didn't advance.

Workin Ona Mystery picked up a stakes victory this year in the \$100,000 Commodore Barry Invitational Pace at Harrah's Philadelphia and is one of three Breeders Crown Open Pace finalists for trainer Ron Burke. Burke has won the Breeders Crown Open Pace three times (2013, Foiled Again and 2009 and 2010, Won The West). Overall, Burke is the second-most successful trainer in Crown history in terms of trophies (18) and earnings (\$10.82 million), trailing only Jimmy Takter.

Workin On A Mystery is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC. (Sylvia Burke), Milt Leeman, Alan Keith, and Wingfield Brothers LLC. (Charles, Thomas, and Robert Wingfield). Burke Racing Stable is the second-winningest owner in Breeders Crown history in terms of trophies (13) and earnings (\$8 million). The other members of his ownership group are looking for their first Breeders Crown champion.

Workin Ona Mystery was bred by White Birch Farm and sold for \$30,000 at the 2017 Standardbred Horse Sale. White Birch Farm has seven Crown trophies as a breeder.