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PURSE \$786000. BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL - 2 YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS. (PURSE \$600,000 U.S.)

GREY WARM-UP PAD (Woodbine Mohawk Park 25-OCT-2019)

MUTUEL RATINGS: 9-8-4-2

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ALSO ELIGIBLE: In the Event of a Scratch, Horse Below Moves In and Takes Post Position of Scratched Horse Unless Otherwise Announced

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## TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING TROT RECORDS

Stakes Record	1:53	Walner (2016 The Meadowlands)
Fastest first quarter clocking	:26.4	Father Patrick (2013 Pocono Downs)
Fastest first half clocking	:55.4 :56.3z	Leader Of The Gang (2010 Pocono Downs) CR Commando (1998 Colonial Downs)
Fastest three-quarter clocking	1:24.3 1:24.1z	Pastor Stephen (2010 Pocono Downs) CR Commando (1998 Colonial Downs)
Fastest last half by winner	:56.2 :56.4z	Muscle Hill (2008 The Meadowlands) CR Commando (1998 Colonial Downs)
Fastest last quarter by winner	:27	Ken Warkentin (2004 Woodbine Racetrack) Walner (2016 The Meadowlands)
Record purse	Cdn \$812,292 US \$700,000	Duke Of York (2001 Woodbine Racetrack) Muscle Hill (2008 The Meadowlands)
Leading Driver	4	John Campbell (1985, 1986, 1992, 2002)
Leading Trainer	5	Jimmy Takter (1996, 2004, 2011, 2013, 2014)
Highest Win Price	\$70.30	Duke Of York (2001 Woodbine Racetrack)
Lowest Win Price	\$2.10	Father Patrick (2013 Pocono Downs)
Highest Exacta Price	\$520.90	Duke Of York & Mo Monet Hanover (2001 Woodbine Racetrack)
Lowest Exacta Price	\$4.20	Father Patrick & Nuncio (2013 Pocono Downs)
Biggest Margin of Victory	8 1/2 Lengths	King Conch over Royal Strength (1991 Pompano Park)
Smallest Margin of Victory	Nose	Crysta's Best over Carry The Message (1990 Pompano Park)

## BREEDERS CROWN TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING TROT CHAMPIONS 1984-2018

Year	Champion	Sire	Breeders	Owners	Trainer	Driver	Time	Purse	Host Track
2018	Gimpanzee, b.c. ♦	Chapter Seven	Order by Stable	Courant Inc & S R F Stable	Marcus Melander	Brian Sears	1:54.4f	\$650,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2017	Fiftydallarbill br.c.	Swan For All	John L. Miller	John E. Barnard	William Crone	Trace Tetrick	1:55	\$600,000	Hoosier Park
2016	Walner b.c. ♦	Chapter Seven	Overseas Farms LTD	Kenneth E. Jacobs	Linda Toscano	Tim Tetrick	1:53	\$600,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2015	Southwind Frank b.c. ♦	Muscle Hill	Southwind Farm	Burke Rcg Stb, Weaver-Bruscemi, Our Horse Cents Stbs, J&T Silva	Ron Burke	Yannick Gingras	1:54.2	\$600,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2014	Pinkman b.g. ♦	Explosive Matter	O Narutac Equine Nursery	Christina Takter, John & Jim Fielding, Joyce McClelland & Herb Liverman	Jimmy Takter	Yannick Gingras	1:53.2	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2013	Father Patrick b.c. ♦	Cantab Hall	Brittany Farms	Father Patrick Stable	Jimmy Takter	Yannick Gingras	1:54f	\$500,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2012	Wheeling N Dealin, b.c. ♦	Cantab Hall	Valley High Stable	Ecurie Synergie	R. Dustin Jones	Sylvain Filion	1:56s	\$600,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2011	Uncle Peter b.c.	Cantab Hall	Carter, Beaver, McLoughlin & Wolkomir	Fielding, Takter, Fielding & Falkbolagen AB	Jimmy Takter	Dave Palone	1:55s	\$600,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2010	Manofmanymissions b.c.	Yankee Glide	Kentuckiana Gen. Partnership	Maurice Biasuzzi, John Carver & Mystical Marker Farms	Erv Miller	Andy Miller	1:53.2f	\$600,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2009	Pilgrims Taj b.c.	Broadway Hall	Arlene & Jules Siegel	Bongiorno, Heffering, DiMeo & Val d'Or Farms	Keith Armer	Mike Lachance	1:57.1s	\$650,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2008	Muscle Hill b.c. ♦	Muscles Yankee	Winbak Farm	Jerry Silva & TLP Stable	Greg Peck	Brian Sears	1:53.3	\$700,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2007	Deweycheatumnhowe b.c. ♦	Muscles Yankee	Steve Jones	Schnittker, Gewertz, Iannazzo & Deweycheatumnhowe Stable	Ray Schnittker	Ray Schnittker	1:57.2	\$650,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2006	Donato Hanover b.c. ♦	Andover Hall	Hanover Shoe Farm	Scharf, Golden Touch Sbl & Arnold	Steve Elliott	Ron Pierce	1:56s	\$600,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2005	Chocolatier br.c. ♦	Credit Winner	Valley High Stables	Doug Ackerman Stable	Doug R. Ackerman	Doug R. Ackerman	1:56.1	\$507,600	Meadowlands Racetrack
2004	Ken Warkentin b.c. ♦	Yankee Glide	Arden Homestead Stb	Takter, Fielding, Domi & Windsor Stable	Jimmy Takter	David Miller	1:57.1s	\$525,900	Woodbine Racetrack
2003	Cantab Hall b.c. ♦♦	Self Possessed	Walnut Hall Limited	Brittany, Lindy Racing, Jerry Silva & Sampson Stable	Ron Gurfein	Mike Lachance	1:56.4	\$445,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2002	Broadway Hall b.c. ♦	Conway Hall	Walnut Hall Limited	Jules & Arlene Siegel	Jim Campbell	John Campbell	1:57.2s	\$525,500	Woodbine Racetrack
2001	Duke Of York b.c.	Balanced Image	Vartanian & Libfeld	Al Libfeld, Marvin Katz & Sam Goldband	John Bax	Paul MacDonell	1:57.3s	\$570,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2000	Banker Hall b.c. ♦	Balanced Image	Walnut Hall Ltd & Claudean Conway	Tommy Andersson	Harald Lunde	Trevor Ritchie	1:56.1s	\$543,500	Mohawk Racetrack
1999	Master Lavec b.c. ♦	Mr. Lavec	Lawrence Burris	Ann-Mari Daley & Robert Pergament	Dan Daley	Dan Daley	1:56.4s	\$525,700	Mohawk Raceway
1998	CR Commando b.c. ♦	Royal Troubador	Carl & Rod Allen Stable	Carl & Rod Allen Stb & Niss Allen	Carl Allen	Carl Allen	1:53.2z	\$390,700	Colonial Downs
1997	Catch As Catch Can b.c.	Super Bowl	Margaretá Wallenius-Kleberg	Catch As Catch Can Stable	Ron Gurfein	Wally Hennessey	2:01.1f	\$350,000	Mohawk Raceway
1996	Malabar Man b.c. ♦	Supergill	Malvern Burroughs	Malvern Burroughs	Jimmy Takter	Mal Burroughs	1:59.1f	\$366,600	Mohawk Raceway
1995	Armbo Officer b.g.	Balanced Image	Armstrong Bros.	McIntosh, Grundy & CSX Stables	Bob McIntosh	Steve Condren	1:58.3	\$372,800	Garden State Park
1994	Eager Seelster br.c.	Worthy Bowl	Seelster Farms	Fielding, Leo & Four Studs Stable	Ted Jacobs	Ted Jacobs	1:58.3s	\$339,100	Woodbine Racetrack
1993	Wesgate Crown b.c. ♦	Royal Prestige	Paul & David Simmonds	Simmonds, Guida & Simmonds	"Raz" MacKenzie	John Campbell	1:57.1f	\$300,000	Pompano Harness
1992	Giant Chill b.c. ♦	Speedy Crown	Potok, Lighthouse Hill & Bencal	Gewertz & Robins Racing	Per Eriksson	John Patterson, Jr	1:58.2f	\$300,000	Pompano Harness
1991	King Conch b.c.	Speedy Crown	H. A. Grant, Jr.	Thomas Moberg	Per Eriksson	Bill Gale	1:56.2f	\$300,000	Pompano Harness
1990	Crysta's Best b.c. ♦	Crysta's Crown	K. D. Owen	Huber, Montgomery, Biddle & Breidenbach	Dick Richardson Jr.	Dick Richardson Jr.	2:01f	\$473,870	Pompano Harness
1989	Royal Troubador b.c. ♦	Super Bowl	Mae Jean Allen	Carl & Rod Allen Stable	Carl Allen	Carl Allen	1:59.2f	\$475,213	Pompano Harness
1988	Valley Victory b.c. ♦	Baltic Speed	Valley High Stables	Arlene Traub	Steve Elliott	Bill O'Donnell	1:58.1f	\$488,219	Pompano Harness
1987	Defiant One b.c.	Defiant Yankee	Ann Beissinger	Ann Beissinger & Eva Duringer	Howard Beissinger	Howard Beissinger	2:01.4f	\$428,912	Mohawk Raceway
1986	Mack Lobell br.c. ♦	Mystic Park	Lana Lobell Farms of NJ	One More Time Stable	Chuck Sylvester	John Campbell	1:59.1f	\$496,850	Pompano Harness
1985	Express Ride b.c. ♦	Super Bowl	Castleton Farm & Simon	Castleton, Dawson & Simon	George Sholty	John Campbell	2:01.3f	\$474,803	The Meadows
1984	Workaholic b.c. ♦	Speedy Crown	Pine Hollow Stud	The Workaholics	Jan Johnson	Berndt Lindstedt	1:57.1	\$600,750	The Red Mile



**ROAD TO THE BREEDERS CROWN**  
**\$600,000 Two-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot**  
 Friday, October 25 – Woodbine Mohawk Park,  
 Campbellville, Ontario

Some of the races won by Crown contenders leading up to the 2019 Breeders Crown

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Racetrack</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 18	Breeders Crown Elimlim	Woodbine Mohawk	SYNERGY	1:55.0
October 12	OSS Gold Super Final	Woodbine Mohawk	MOON BRIDGE	1:55.4
October 6	John Simpson Div	Harrah's Philadelphia	HELL PATROL	1:57.1
October 6	John Simpson Div	Harrah's Philadelphia	SKY CASTLES	1:56.2
October 3	International Stallion Stake	The Red Mile	REAL COOL SAM	1:52.1
October 3	International Stallion Stake	The Red Mile	BIG OIL	1:52.1
October 3	International Stallion Stake	The Red Mile	AMIGO VOLO	1:52.3
October 3	International Stallion Stake	The Red Mile	KING ALPHONSO	1:52.0
September 26	Bluegrass Series	The Red Mile	AMIGO VOLO	1:52.3
September 26	Bluegrass Series	The Red Mile	EI Ideal	1:52.2
September 26	Bluegrass Series	The Red Mile	GANGSTER HANOVER	1:52.3
September 19	The Standardbred	Delaware County Fair	WORTHY OF HONOR	1:56.4
September 14	William Wellwood Final	Woodbine Mohawk	Hp Royal Theo	1:54.2
September 8	PaSS Championship	Harrah's Philadelphia	REAL COOL SAM	1:53.4
September 6	William Wellwood Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	BACK OF THE NECK	1:55.0
September 6	William Wellwood Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	CAPRICORNUS	1:55.1
August 30	Champlain	Woodbine Mohawk	SYNERGY	1:55.4
August 25	PaSS	Mohengan Sun Pocono	REAL COOL SAM	1:56.2
August 25	Reynolds	Tioga Downs	BACK OF THE NECK	1:56.1
August 17	PaSS	The Meadows	REAL COOL SAM	1:54.4
August 9	Tompkins	Tioga Downs	Saylor	1:58.4
August 7	Hoosier Stake	Indiana State Fair	TJ's Top Pick	1:58.3
August 7	The Ralph Wilfong	Indiana State Fair	Just Like Fire	1:58.0
August 3	Peter Haughton Final	Meadowlands	REAL COOL SAM	1:53.1
July 26	Peter Haughton Elim	Meadowlands	SYNERGY	1:54.4
July 26	Peter Haughton Elim	Meadowlands	REAL COOL SAM	1:54.1
July 26	Arden Div	The Meadows	Stickler Hanover	1:57.2
July 26	Arden Div	The Meadows	Town Victor	1:58.0
July 26	Arden Div	The Meadows	Penance	1:58.4
July 16	PaSS	The Meadows	REAL COOL SAM	1:55.2
July 8	Pa All Stars	Mohegan Sun Pocono	REAL COOL SAM	1:55.2
July 5	Landmark	Goshen	HIGHER CALL	2:03.1

All Caps mean eligible to the Crown

**In harness racing, it all comes down to the Breeders Crown.**

## **BEADS** **(Archangel - Nepentha)**

Owners: Renee Spahr, East Prospect, PA

Trainer: John Bax

Driver: Paul MacDonell

Breeders Atlantic Trot Inc., Pompano Beach, Fl; Steve Stewart, Paris, Ky

The driver and trainer combination of Paul MacDonell and John Bax could hope for a carbon copy of the 2001 Breeders Crown 2-year old Colt Trot final when they teamed up to put Duke of York in the Woodbine Mohawk winner's circle as a 34-1 longshot.

While Beads comes into the final a bit less accomplished than Duke Of York was that year, his racing style and favorable draw will make him intriguing here. He prefers to be on the engine and has proven to be able to do so against increasingly classier competition.

A winner of one race with earnings of \$13,046 for owner Renee Spahr of East Prospect, Pa., Beads finished sixth in his elimination to earn a place in the final. He is the first Breeders Crown participant for his owner.

Paul MacDonell, 56, has won eight Breeders Crown finals as a driver. He is probably best known as the driver of 2008 Breeders Crown champion and Horse of the Year Somebeachsomewhere.

He won his first Breeders Crown with Bay's Fella in the 1990 Open Pace at Pompano Park and paid \$140.60. The price remained the longest shot for 28 years until Kadealia won in 2008 and paid \$152.00

MacDonell has won more than 5,600 career races as a driver and \$110 million in purses. His earnings rank 19th among all drivers in history. He was Canada's Driver of the Year in 2008.

"He's got a perfect gait, he's flawless gaited, and he can get himself situated," said MacDonell of the Archangel colt, who went off at nearly 79-1 odds in the elimination.

"He's got a few more lengths to gain but at least we're in it," the Oshawa, Ontario native driver added.

"He's been a project, a little bit, since John (Bax) took him over (in August). I think he's improving every time. He's come a long way. He qualified (Sept. 17), had two races, and now the Breeders Crown elim and now in the final. We're optimistic. He's got to learn to carry his speed a little more to go with these better colts. Hopefully he got stretch out tonight and that may help him. He's got a perfect gait, he's flawless gaited, and he can get himself situated. We'll see. He's got a few more lengths to gain but at least we're in it. "

MacDonell has earned \$3,486,805 in 90 career Breeders Crown starts.

Bax has sent 14 entries to the gate in Breeders Crown finals, with Duke Of York his only champion to date. The driver/trainer combo also teamed up in the 2015 2-year old colt trot final with Will Take Charge, who finished eighth.

## **SYNERGY**

### **(Father Patrick - Southwind Sauna)**

Owners: Brittany Farms LLC, KY; John Fielding, Ont; Herb Liverman, Fl; David Anderson, Ont

Trainer: Per Engblom

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Breeders: Southwind Farms LLC (Barry Skolnick et al)

A \$275,000 purchase at the Lexington Select sale last year, Synergy won his Breeders Crown elimination as a bit of a longshot at nearly 18-1 with Yannick Gingras at the helm.

Trainer Per Engblom knows that more has been expected of his Father Patrick colt.

"He's been a little disappointment," Engblom said. "We really thought we had a great horse. He started out so good at The Meadowlands and then he got into little rough spots."

Synergy seems to be coming into the Breeders Crown healthy after battling an illness this summer.

"He got sick after the Peter Haughton (Aug. 3 at the Meadowlands) and it was just a long time to recover for him," Engblom said.

Per Engblom, 39, is making his Breeders Crown debut but is no stranger to the event after spending the past six years as the top assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter. The Takter Stable won 19 of its record 34 Breeders Crown trophies during that time frame.

Since starting his own stable this season, Engblom has won 66 races and nearly \$2.5 million in purses.

Engblom grew up in Mantorp, Sweden, which is also Takter's birthplace. Both men began their careers at the local racetrack, which was started by a group that included Engblom's grandfather, Bengt Engblom. Per Engblom's father, Raoul, also is a trainer.

This is Engblom's second stint in the U.S. He was 19 when he came to the States for the first time. His sister, Pernilla, worked for Takter and the stable needed additional help. Engblom worked as a groom for two years before assisting with training for another three years. He then returned home to Sweden, where he was the private trainer for Stall Tilly, and later worked in Italy before starting his own public stable.

At the beginning of 2012, Engblom and his wife, Helene, decided to move to the U.S. with their then 4-year-old son, Tom, who was ready to start school. Engblom worked for a year with trainer Tony Alagna before returning to the Takter Stable, where Helene joined him.

For Engblom, this will be his first Breeders Crown finals and he brings a contingent of four, with Shishito, Ms Savannah Belle and Asiago joining Synergy.

Gingras, 40, has won this Breeders Crown final three times, winning consecutively in 2013, 2014 and 2015, starting with Synergy's sire Father Patrick and including Pinkman and Southwind Frank.

He is third among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 21, and No. 6 all time in the series. He won a Breeders Crown final in 2018 with Warrawee Ubeaut in the 2-Year-Old Filly Pace.

Owned by Brittany Farms, LLC of Versailles, Kentucky and John Fielding, Herb Liverman and David Anderson, Synergy has earned \$162,796 while winning four times this year.

Brittany Farms has won 16 Breeders Crown finals with 14 horses. Artiscape won the 2-Year Old Colt Pace and 3-Year Old Colt Pace in 1997 and 1998 and Real Desire won back-to-back pacing finals in 2001 (as a 3-year old) and 2002. Cantab Hall won the 2-Year Old Colt Trot in 2003.

## **MOON BRIDGE (E L Titan - Classic Belle)**

Owner: Esa Lahtinen, Janne Korpi, Jussi Hietalahti, Ont, Fin

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Driver: Sylvain Filion

Breeders: Overseas Farm Ltd ( Esa Lahtinen), Janne Korpi

Winner of the Ontario Sire Stakes Super final for 2-Year Old Colt and Gelding trotters, Moon Bridge looks to provide trainer Ake Svanstedt with his first Breeders Crown final winner.

Sylvain Filion, 50, has won two Breeders Crown finals. He won his first in 2001 with Goliath Bayama, a horse bred and trained by his father Yves, in the Open Pace. His second came in 2012 with 2-year-old male trotter Wheeling N Dealin.

Filion got career win 9,000 on Sept. 26 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He ranks 25th in wins among all drivers in North American history. He has earned more than \$100 million in career purses, which is 23rd on the all-time money list.

He is a four-time winner of Canada's Driver of the Year Award: 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016.

Filion, representing Canada, won the World Driving Championship in 1999.

Sylvain's father Yves was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2016. His uncle Herve retired as the winningest driver in history and is in the Canadian and U.S. halls of fame.

"I was hoping to leave and find a spot but there was no spot, so I took him back," said Filion of the early going in the elimination. "He felt really strong. I liked the way he finished. The last time I drove him, he wasn't that strong on the end of it, but tonight he felt good. He was trotting good, straight. With a decent post, I think he'll have a shot."

Ake Svanstedt, 60, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy.

He has finished second on four occasions, twice with Resolve in the Open Trot, in 2015 and 2016, and twice with Ice Attraction, in 2017 in the 3-year-old filly trot and 2018 in the Mare Trot. Also last year, Plunge Blue Chip won her elimination for 3-year-old filly trotters and finished third in the final.

Svanstedt is in his sixth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

He is perhaps best known as the trainer and driver of Sebastian K, who trotted the then-fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:49 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2014.

Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt has trained nearly 600 winners and earned \$22 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 350 wins and \$16 million in purses.

Moon Bridge has earned \$193,075 in seven career starts while winning twice. Lahtinen has a Breeders Crown win as a breeder, as Walner won the 2016 2-Year Old Colt Trot.

After winning the Ontario Sire Stakes Super final driven by Dexter Dunn, Svanstedt said, "He was good. He is a nervous horse, but he handles it good. We have to be careful with him; we always take it easy with him. But he is a good racehorse. He comes to race."



## AMIGO VOLO

**(Father Patrick - Margarita Momma)**

Owner: Pinske Stables, David J. Miller, MN , FL

Trainer: Richard ( Nifty) Norman

Driver: Dexter Dunn

Breeders: Kentuckiana Farms LLC, Jorgen Jahre Jr

Amigo Volo looks to build upon the success he achieved at Red Mile as he set a world record for 2-year old trotting colts of 1:52.3 when taking one of three divisions of the Bluegrass a week before capturing a division of the International Stallion Stakes. This was after his world record score at Harrah's Philadelphia in his previous start.

While his world record only lasted a week (Real Cool Sam lowered it to 1:52.1 in another International Stallion Stakes division), perhaps the most impressive fact is that Amigo Volo trotted a bad step early in the race but surged past the others after recovering from his break and never looked back.

He again broke in the Breeders Crown elimination but finished seventh which was enough to get him to the final.

The Father Patrick gelding has won \$214,696, winning four times in nine career starts.

Trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman (except for the Grand Circuit races at Red Mile where Norman assistant Carter Pinske was listed as the trainer), Amigo Volo has recently proved he does not need to be on the engine in order to win although he employed that type of racing style earlier this year.

Norman has won three previous Breeders Crown finals, with Poof Shes Gone taking the 2009 2-Year Old Filly Trot and Bee a Magician winning the 2013 3FT and then again in the Mare Trot in 2014. Queen B was Horse of the Year in 2013.

Dexter Dunn, 30, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018, competing in one elimination: This is his first time in the finals. He won five eliminations in 2019.

Dunn is in his first full season of driving in the U.S. after a record-setting career in New Zealand. A native of Christchurch, Dunn led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. During that span, he won at least 200 races on six occasions and twice finished with 199. He was the first New Zealand driver to win at least 200 races in a season.

Dunn was invited to drive in the U.S. last summer by trainer Chris Ryder, a longtime family friend. Dunn's top horse this year has been Bettor's Wish, a 3-year-old pacing colt trained and co-owned by Ryder.

When Dunn left New Zealand, his 2,225 wins ranked fifth in history there. He was the youngest driver to both 1,000 and 2,000 wins, and the youngest, at the age of 18, to win a Group 1 race in New Zealand. In 2015, Dunn represented his country in the World Driving Championship and drove off with the trophy.

Dunn has already made a splash on the Grand Circuit in North America with wins in the Valley Victory last year and this year in the Carl Milstein Memorial, Fan Hanover, Art Rooney, Confederation Cup, and a division of the Delvin Miller Memorial. He was second in the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace, Hambletonian Oaks, and Messenger.

He ranks third this year in purses among all drivers in North America with more than \$9 million. Dunn is seeking to win a Breeders Crown final in his first attempt. He won five eliminations in the 2019

## **CHESTNUT HILL (Muscle Hill - Poof Shes Gone)**

Owner: Melvin Hartman, David McDuffee and Little E LLC (Jeff Gural), Ont, FL, NY

Trainer: Richard (Nifty) Norman

Driver: Brian Sears

Breeders: Melvin Hartman, David McDuffee

Chestnut Hill has earned \$76,706 after winning two races in eight starts this year.

The colt is by two-time Breeders Crown winner Muscle Hill out of fellow Breeders Crown winner winner Poof Shes Gone, so his pedigree is definitely not in question.

Finishing behind Real Cool Sam and Amigo Volo in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship, Chestnut Hill's biggest win to date came a month earlier at Harrah's Philadelphia when was a deserving near-even money favorite in taking a PASS Series final over Cafe Americano and Paulie Walnuts.

Nifty Norman, 59, has won three Breeders Crown titles. He got his first victory with 2-year-old female trotter Poof She's Gone in 2009 and the next two with female trotter Bee A Magician, at age 3 in 2013 and age 4 in 2014.

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A native of New Zealand, where he worked with horses after leaving school, Norman came to California in 1985 to visit his friend, trainer Ross Croghan, and ended up staying to help with Croghan's stable. He later worked with Brett Pelling before starting his own stable.

Norman has won more than 1,200 races and \$35 million in purses. This year, Norman's stable has topped 100 wins for the second time in his career and topped \$3 million in earnings for the third time. David Miller, 54, ranks second among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 23, and is No. 5 all time in the series. His most recent Crown came in 2017 with What The Hill in the final for 3-year-old male trotters. He had two second-place finishes in 2018, with 2-year-old male pacer Proof and 2-year-old filly pacer Zero Tolerance.

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He won his first Crown in 2000 with Magician in the Open Trot.

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Owner Hartman and trainer Norman were the winning Breeders Crown connections of Poof Shes Gone (2009) as well as Bee a Magician (2013). Hartman also won another Breeders Crown final in 2013 with trainer Chuck Sylvester when Spider Blue Chip won the 3-Year Old Colt Trot.

McDuffee has been listed as an owner of record of seven Breeders Crown final winners.

## **ROME PAYS OFF**

### **(Muscle Hill - Order By Wish)**

Owner: S R F Lennart Agren, Lighthouse Point, FL

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Driver: Matthias Melander

Breeders: Order By Stable Stefan Balaczi), Sweden

S R F Stable will have their first Breeders Crown final contender in Rome Pays Off.

SRF was the default winner of the 2017 Hambletonian when Perfect Spirit was placed first after What The Hill was placed back for interference.

A \$155,000 purchase at last year's Standardbred Horse Sale, he won at first asking in the Pennsylvania All Stars at Pocono on July 8. His next win came in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Series on Aug. 25 at The Meadows.

Marcus Melander, 27, won his first Breeders Crown in 2018 with 2-year-old male trotter Gimpanzee. The colt was named the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male trotter.

Melander received the 2018 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. He joined Nancy Johansson as the only trainers to receive the honor in the past 20 years. His stable earned \$2.86 million in purses in 2018, good for 15th among all trainers in North America, despite having the fifth-fewest starts among all trainers in the top 50.

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Melander's brother, Matthias, has been a regular driver for Rome Pays Off and will most likely get the driving assignment if Tetrick chooses Capricornus.

Breeder Order By Stable of Boras, Sweden has sent four horses to Breeders Crown final races previously—2018 Hambletonian winner Atlanta in 2017 and 2018, Basquiat in 2017, King's County in 2018 and Gimpanzee in 2018--with Gimpanzee as their sole winner to date.

Order By Stable was named Breeder of the Year in 2018

## **THIRD SHIFT**

### **(Chapter Seven - Overnight Command)**

Owner: Ake Svanstedt, Mellby Gard Inc, FL, NJ

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Driver: Ake Svanstedt

Breeders: Winbak Farm, Md

Ake Svanstedt owns, trains, and drives Third Shift. The Chapter Seven colt has earned \$206,337 this year in seven races.

This year, Svanstedt is sixth in purses among trainers with nearly \$3.9 million. Only once has he failed to finish in the exacta as he has three wins and has placed three times in those starts. The only time he failed to hit the board was in a New York Sire Stakes Series race on the half-mile Batavia Downs track in August.

Third Shift finished second in his Breeders Crown elimination, which seems to have surprised Svanstedt.

"He was just OK. He warmed up bad. He raced OK but I couldn't drive to a hundred percent in the stretch," said Svanstedt. "I had the ear plugs left in the ears and I couldn't go faster. He had power left but he was close to making a break. I hope I can have him better next week."

Svanstedt added, "He warmed up very bad, so it was good for him to be second."

While the trainer has sent 19 starters to the Breeders Crown finals previously, he's only had one starter in this division previously, as Dupree finished sixth in the 2015 2-Year Old Colt Trot.

Third Shift fetched \$235,000 at the Standardbred Horse Sale last November. Ake Svanstedt, 60, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy.

He has finished second on four occasions, twice with Resolve in the Open Trot, in 2015 and 2016, and twice with Ice Attraction, in 2017 in the 3-year-old filly trot and 2018 in the Mare Trot. Also last year, Plunge Blue Chip won her elimination for 3-year-old filly trotters and finished third in the final.

Svanstedt is in his sixth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

He is perhaps best known as the trainer and driver of Sebastian K, who trotted the then-fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:49 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2014.

Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt has trained nearly 600 winners and earned \$22 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 350 wins and \$16 million in purses.

# CAPRICORNUS

(Cantab Hall - Oh My Darlin)

Owner: JJ ( Jelena Fironova) Racing Stable, FL

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Breeders: Windsong Stable, PA

Capricornus took a bye to the final. He hasn't raced since on Oct. 3 at Red Mile when he finished third, behind a dead heat of Real Cool Sam and Big Oil in an International Stallion Stakes division in which his four-race streak of being the post time favorite was snapped.

Real Cool Sam deserved favoritism that day although he could not separate himself from Big Oil, and will most likely be the favorite when the 10 starters line up for the Breeders Crown 2-year old Colt Trot final at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

A \$110,000 purchase at the Standardbred Horse Sale last year, the son of Cantab Hall has earned \$217,447 for owners JJ Racing Stable Inc., of Delray Beach, Florida. He will be their first Breeders Crown final participant.

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In 2016, Tetrick won three trophies, with Huntsville in the final for 2-year-old male pacers, Walner in the final for 2-year-old male trotters, and Bar Hopping in the final for 3-year-old male trotters.

Tetrick won a career-high four Breeders Crown trophies in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto

Tetrick will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in July 2020.

## **REAL COOL SAM** **(Muscle Hill - Cooler Schooner)**

Owner: Fashion Farms (Jules Siegel) LLC, PA

Trainer: Jim Campbell

Driver: David Miller

Breeders: Fashion Farms LLC

Took a bye to the final. Coming into the Breeders Crown undefeated at 9-for-9 this year including sweating out a photo that resulted in a dead heat, Real Cool Sam is clearly the horse to beat in the 2-Year Old Colt Trot.

An earner of \$454,575, Real Cool Sam is a world record holder for 2-year old trotting geldings, with a winning time of 1:52.1, which he shares with Big Oil--who will bypass the Breeders Crown.

Real Cool Sam is versatile and has proven to win whether on the engine or sitting behind the early lead. His final quarter times make him a formidable foe and he will deserve to be favored in this race.

Jules Siegel named the horse after his good friend and announcer Sam McKee.

Jim Campbell, 57, has won four Breeders Crown finals, most recently in 2016 with 3-year-old female trotter Broadway Donna.

His first Crown came with 3-year-old female pacer Galleria in 1998. Two-year-old male trotter Broadway Hall gave Campbell his second trophy in 2002 and 3-year-old female trotter Broadway Schooner, the dam of Broadway Donna, followed in 2009.

Campbell's retired brother, John, who is the all-time leading driver in the history of the Breeders Crown, was the driver of Broadway Hall. The brothers also teamed to win the 1995 Hambletonian with Tagliabue.

During his career, Campbell has trained a number of stakes-winning horses for Jules Siegel's Fashion Farms. Siegel, who with his late wife Arlene was the sport's Owner of the Year in 2002 and 2009, was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2018.

Campbell followed his father, Jack, and grandfather, Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Famer Dunc Campbell, into harness racing. For his career, he has won more than 1,200 races and \$46 million in purses.

He ranks No. 14 among all North American trainers in purses all time. Jim Campbell trains and is looking for his fifth Breeders Crown final victory. He has won previously with Galleria in 1998, Broadway Hall in 2002, Broadway Schooner in 2008 and Broadway Donna in 2016.

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## **PORT PERRY (Kadabara - Rise N Shine)**

Owner: Determination, QC

Trainer: Luc Blais

Driver: Bob McClure

Breeders: Walnut Hall Ltd

Determination, the ownership group out of Montreal, are looking to win a Breeders Crown title for the third consecutive year, as they saw Emoticon Hanover win the Mare Trot in 2017 and 2018.

Luc Blais, 57, has won three Breeders Crown finals, including the two most recent editions of the Mare Trot with Emoticon Hanover. She also finished second to Broadway Donna in the 2016 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old female trotters.

His other Crown triumph came with Intimidate in the 2012 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters.

In August at the Meadowlands, this owner-trainer-driver team won the \$1 million Hambletonian with Forbidden Trade. Forbidden Trade and Emoticon Hanover were both O'Brien Award winners in 2018.

Blais has set a career high for purses in 2019 with nearly \$1.9 million. He ranks fifth among all trainers in Canadian earnings this season. His stable has topped \$1.5 million every year beginning in 2016. Blais ranked 10th in purses among trainers in Canada in 2018 and was fifth in 2016.

He got hooked on racing at an early age, watching his father, a salesman, race his own horses on the Quebec fair circuit. After spending time in banking and construction, Blais pursued his passion and got involved full time in racing.

Blais worked for several stables, including Canadian Hall of Famer Yves Filion's Bayama Farms, before going on his own. He now trains for information-technology mogul Serge Godin's Determination stable.

Bob McClure, 29, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018. He drove 2-year-old filly trotter Champagne Jane to victory in an elimination and finished eighth in the final. He also guided 2-year-old male trotter Smart As Hill to an elimination win before finishing ninth in the final.

In August, McClure made his debut in the \$1 million Hambletonian Stakes and captured the trophy with Forbidden Trade. The colt upset favorite Greenshoe in the final.

On April 25, McClure suffered a broken pelvis in an accident during qualifiers at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He returned to action on May 23. McClure used a hyperbaric chamber three to four times a week to aid his recovery.

McClure is third in earnings among Canadian drivers this year with more than \$4.4 million. He is seventh in wins with more than 180. In 2018, he finished second in purses in Canada and third in wins. He led Canada in wins in 2017 and 2016 and was third in 2015. He raced primarily at Canada's "B" tracks before moving to the main stage of the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit in December 2017.

Purchased by Determination for \$85,000 out of the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale last year, Port Perry has earned \$295,909 this year, winning twice in eight starts.

All but one of his career starts have been at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He finished second, behind Blue Cupertino, at Georgian Downs on July 23rd.