

DRAMA ACT (Well Said – Lounge Act – Cam’s Card Shark)

Originally starting out of the Krista Harmon barn, Ron Burke acquired Drama Act in September for the \$253,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championship. She finished fifth in that event and has continued to improve since.

As a two-year-old, Drama Act won on four occasions—winning a \$30,833 Keystone Classic division and a \$44,100 Liberty Bell division among them. She returned at three with a fourth-place finish in a conditioned pace at Hoosier Park before winning a preliminary of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. She finished third in another preliminary and romped in a conditioned pace at Pocono Downs before coming to Ron Burke’s barn. With Burke, Drama Act won a \$63,550 Keystone Classic division and the \$120,000 Courageous Lady at Northfield Park. She finished second in a \$30,000 Liberty Bell division and third in her Breeders Crown elimination (to Party Girl Hill).

Trainer Ron Burke leads all active trainers in the Breeders Crown with over \$9 million earned in Breeders Crown events and 17 total trophies. He sits second on the all-time leaderboard to Jimmy Takter. Since taking over his father Mickey’s stable in 2008, Burke has become the winningest trainer in the history of harness racing (winning his 11,000th race on Sept. 7 at The Meadows) and is the only trainer to record at least 1,000 wins in a single season. Burke’s most recent Breeders Crown win came in 2019 with Warrawee Ubeaut (3YO Filly Pace). Burke is tied for most wins in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace with Bob McIntosh, both of whom have won the event three times. Along with Warrawee Ubeaut, Burke also won with Sayitall BB (2014) and Percy Bluechip (2018). He and McIntosh are also the only trainers to win the event in back-to-back years.

Driver Matt Kakaley will try for his third Breeders Crown win. He scored his lone wins in 2018 when steering Dorsoduro Hanover (3YO Colt and Gelding Pace) and Percy Bluechip (3YO Filly Pace) to victory, rebounding from an injury sustained in a racing accident at Yonkers earlier that year. The Burke teamster had a career year in 2017 with over \$9.04 million earned and currently has more than 4,800 victories in his career with \$79 million earned.

Drama Act is a homebred for The OK Corral, which will send its first Breeders Crown starter.

“The owner called and asked if I’d like to finish the year with her, and I saw her and I was always impressed with her—and she’s really starting to blossom,” Burke said. “I actually thought at one point last week coming off the turn that I had a shot against Party Girl Hill, but Party Girl Hill is now turning into maybe the best horse I’ve ever seen. I can’t say enough about her. But by the same thing, I think the four horses that have the best shot drew 1-2-3-4 and we’re going to have to get it on at some point. I can get I think one more step up out of her.”

HEN PARTY (Roll With Joe – My Lady Day – Western Ideal)

Hen Party raced exclusively in state-bred competition through most of her sophomore year until trainer Tony Alagna recently forayed her onto the Grand Circuit.

As a two-year-old, Hen Party collected her first win in a division of the New York Excelsior Series—her sixth pari-mutuel start. She qualified for the \$40,000 New York Sires Stakes (NYSS) Consolation and finished second, but then tried her first hand at the Grand Circuit. She finished fourth in a \$140,750 Bluegrass division and fifth in a \$120,000 International Stallion Stake division before shifting focus to the Kindergarten Series, where she won two prelims and finished second in the \$192,500 final. She ended the year with a third-place finish in the \$176,400 Matron final and fourth-place efforts in an elimination and the \$411,000 final of the Three Diamonds.

Moving to Alagna's barn over the winter, Hen Party made her first sophomore start in late June—finishing third in a conditioned pace. She then won three-consecutive prelims of the NYSS, swept the elimination and \$223,500 Empire Breeders Classic Final and another NYSS prelim before winning the \$225,000 NYSS Final. Off for a few weeks, Hen Party returned to take aim again at Grand Circuit company over the Lexington fortnight, finishing fourth in a \$78,200 Bluegrass division and third in a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division. She finished fourth in her Breeders Crown elimination.

Trainer Tony Alagna has quickly risen on the Breeders Crown leaderboard. With six trophies, he sits 13th all-time in earnings with \$2.9 million in event purses. Last year Alagna won three Breeders Crown trophies with Reflect With Me (2YO Filly Pace), Ramona Hill (2YO Filly Trot) and American History (Open Pace)—becoming the fourth trainer to ever win three Breeders Crown events in the same year (joining Jimmy Takter, Ron Burke and Bob McIntosh). The Illinois native started his stable in 2009 and has won over 1,500 races and \$48 million in purses.

Driver Andrew McCarthy struck Breeders Crown glory in 2019, becoming the eighth driver in the history of the event to win four Breeders Crowns in the same year. He steered two of Alagna's three winners while also catching the drive on Dancin Lou (3YO Colt and Gelding Pace) and driving Caviart Ally (Mare Pace) to a win over eventual Horse of the Year Shartin N. A native of Australia, McCarthy came to the US in 2007 to race for trainer Noel Daley before expanding his presence to the tune of a US career worth \$51 million in purses with over 2,500 wins.

Hen Party was bred by Fred Hertrich President of the Breeders Cup and Hambletonian Society director, who also bred three-time Breeders Crown winner Eternal Camnation (1999 2YO Filly Pace, 2001 & 2003 Mare Pace) along with Three-Year-Old Filly Pace winner Allamerican Nadia (2002).

She races for owner Crawford Farms Racing, which has won four Breeders Crown events: Split The House (2017 Open Pace), Homicide Hunter (2018 Open Trot), Tall Dark Stranger (2019 2YO Colt Pace) and Ramona Hill (2019 2YO Filly Trot)

JK FIRST LADY (Western Ideal – JK She’salady – Art Major)

A homebred for 3 Brothers Stable, JK First Lady will try to join her sire Western Ideal, dam JK She’salady and JK She’salady sire Art Major in Breeders Crown glory. Trainer Nancy Takter also conditioned JK She’salady, who carried an undefeated campaign into a win in the 2014 Two-Year-Old Filly Pace.

Winning her first three races as a two-year-old, JK First Lady collected victories in two Kindergarten Classic preliminaries and a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) prelim. She finished second in another PASS prelim but finished third in the \$252,000 final. From there she hopped into the Grand Circuit, finishing fourth in the \$540,000 She’s A Great Lady Final and second in a \$119,000 International Stallion Stake division. She finished sixth in her Breeders Crown elimination. After failing to qualify for the final, JK First Lady hit the bench and returned to win her elimination and the \$411,000 final of the Three Diamonds to cap her freshman year.

As a three-year-old, JK First Lady returned to the races with a third-place finish in a conditioned race at the Meadowlands at the end of June. She came back a month later to finish fifth in a dead heat in the \$194,000 Mistletoe Shalee and added Lasix for every start following. She collected victories in two PASS prelims and a \$79,200 Bluegrass division prior to finishing second in her Breeders Crown elimination (to Lyons Sentinel). She also finished second in the \$253,000 PASS Championship and a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division.

Trainer Nancy Takter is having a career year with over 100 wins on the season and \$5.6 million in purses, placing her second for the year behind Ron Burke. She has won four Breeders Crown events including back-to-back victories in the Two-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace with Captain Crunch (2018) and Tall Dark Stranger (2019). She is looking for her first victory in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace.

Nancy Takter also trains finalist Peaky Sneaky.

Driver David Miller ranks second all-time in Breeders Crown earnings while having 24 trophies to his name. The Hall of Famer set the record for most Breeders Crown wins in a single year back in 2015 when he won five of the 12 events contested at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Miller has driven two winners in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace: A And G’s Confusion (2008) and Divine Caroline (2015). He ranks No. 2 among all drivers in harness racing history in purses, with \$247 million, and is No. 5 in wins. He has ranked among the top five in earnings 20 of the past 21 years and is again in the top five this season.

“She likes to track cover, I think her cover wasn’t that good last week,” Nancy Takter said. “I think if it would’ve carried her a little further she would’ve probably ended up winning her elimination. She needs to come off cover; she likes to pass horses. So if David [Miller] can work out a trip where she can be second over, anything can happen from there. We were conservative with her at the beginning of the year because she had a little bit of a tendency to get a little grabby. We don’t want her to be that, so we’ve been trying to race her off the pace and take her off the gate.”

LADY LOU (Sweet Lou – Bolt Of Thunder – Rocknroll Hanover)

With 27 starts on her resume, Lady Lou, a daughter of Crown Champion Sweet Lou, has only visited the winner's circle twice.

Winning her debut as a two-year-old in a Kindergarten prelim, Lady Lou collected checks the rest of the year with a second-place finishes in a \$112,239 Eternal Camnation division and in a \$120,000 International Stallion Stake division and third-place finishes in a \$139,750 Bluegrass division and in her Breeders Crown elimination. She broke stride at the start in last year's Two-Year-Old Filly Pace and ended the year with a seventh in the \$176,400 Matron Pace.

Lady Lou won her first race of her three-year-old campaign and has collected checks the rest of the year. She finished second in a \$53,100 Tompkins-Geers division, the \$90,525 Shady Daisy, the elimination and \$400,000 final of the Fan Hanover and an \$88,895 Simcoe division. She has since finished eighth in the second heat of the Jugette, seventh in a \$79,200 Bluegrass division and fifth in a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division. She finished fifth in her Breeders Crown elimination.

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Driver Brett Miller has won three Breeders Crowns, winning his first in 2015 with Pure Country (2YO Filly Pace). He won his second in 2016 driving Racing Hill (3YO Colt Pace) and his third in 2017 with Split The House (Open Pace). In 2019, Miller relocated to his home state of Ohio after nearly a decade of travelling consistently on the Grand Circuit. For his career, Miller has won more than 8,700 races and \$93 million in purses.

Robert Hamather, who owned Breeders Crown winner Staying Together (1993 3YO Colt Pace), bred Lady Lou, while the filly is owned by Brad Grant and Steve Heimbecker. Grant owns two Breeders Crown trophies, one coming last year with Reflect With Me (2019 2YO Filly Pace).

LYONS SENTINEL (Captaintreacherous – Tutu Hanover – Western Ideal)

Favoured in last year's Two-Year-Old Filly Pace, Lyons Sentinel will try for Breeders Crown redemption following a 1:49.4 victory from off the pace in her elimination.

Beginning her career in the barn of Gareth Dowse, Lyons Sentinel changed hands to Jim King Jr. after two starts. She won three preliminaries of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) and parlayed that to a victory in the \$252,000 PASS Championship. At two she also won an elimination and the \$540,000 final for the She's A Great Lady, a \$57,600 division of the John Simpson Memorial and her Breeders Crown elimination. She capped the year with a win in the \$176,000 Matron Stakes and a third-place finish in the \$411,000 Three Diamonds.

Lyons Sentinel returned as a three-year-old in July, finishing second in a PASS preliminary. She then had a string of runner-up finishes including in the \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee, a \$107,320 Adioo Volo division, two PASS preliminaries, the \$47,545 first heat of the Juliette and a \$79,200 Bluegrass division. She finally reached the winner's circle in a \$112,500 division of the Glen Garnsey Memorial before shipping to Hoosier for the Breeders Crown.

Jim King Jr. sends the millionaire filly while in pursuit of his second Breeders Crown trophy. He collected his first in 2018 when supplementing his star pacing mare Shartin N into the Mare Pace. King campaigned Shartin N to a Horse of the Year title in 2019 while also earning the Good Guy Award from the United States Harness Writer's Association. Jim won more than 3,300 races and \$25 million in purses as a driver, but his focus is now on training. As a trainer, he has more than 1,100 victories and \$19 million in purses. He set career training highs of 168 wins and \$4.27 million in purses in 2019.

Driver Tim Tetrick has won 20 trophies in Breeders Crown events and sits fourth among active drivers in event earnings and seventh all time. His most recent Breeders Crown victories came in 2018 with Shartin N (Mare Pace) and Lily Stride (3YO Filly Trot). Tetrick sits third all-time in career earnings with \$225 million in purses and eighth all time in wins with more than 11,700. Tetrick has won the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace three times, winning with Put On A Show (2010), American Jewel (2012) and I Luv The Nitelife (2013). A win would tie him with John Campbell for most wins in the event.

Bred by leading Breeders Crown breeder Hanover Shoe Farms Inc., Lyons Sentinel races for Threelyonsracing. She is a half-sister to Trillions Hanover in the Open Mare Pace.

"Things are going her way on the racetrack and I think if anybody's got a shot at Party Girl Hill she's the one," Jim King Jr. said. "We've gotten just about what we expected [from her], she's a come-from-behind horse and we were trying to race her up close early and it just didn't work out as well. Both her races in Kentucky were very pleasing and last week was exceptional for what we have coming."

NEW YEAR (Somebeachsomewhere – Drop The Ball – Western Terror)

Popping late onto the scene in 2019 with wins including one in an elimination for the Breeders Crown, New Year will try to follow up on her fourth-place finish in last year's Two-Year-Old Filly Pace.

New Year originally raced for trainer Ross Croghan, who campaigned her dam Drop The Ball (who finished second in the 2011 Three-Year-Old Filly Pace and in the 2012 Mare Pace). She won her first two starts in conditioned events before shipping to Lexington for the Grand Circuit, where she finished fourth in a \$139,750 Bluegrass division and won a \$119,000 International Stallion Stakes division. She carried that momentum into the Breeders Crown, which wrapped her freshman year.

Coming back as a three-year-old in July, it took New Year eight starts in two months to return to the winner's circle. Finishing third in the \$90,525 Shady Daisy in her first start for now trainer Chris Ryder, she scored her first win of the year in a conditioned pace at Harrah's Philadelphia and soon set sail for the Jugette. She won in the \$47,545 first heat but finished second to stablemate Party Girl Hill in the \$142,635 second heat. She then finished second in a \$79,200 Bluegrass division and fourth in a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division preceding her Breeders Crown elimination, where she finished third.

Trainer Chris Ryder has four Breeders Crown titles to his name. He sent Mystical Sunshine to victories in the 2006 and 2007 Mare Trot and has won in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace twice, sending Put On A Show (2010) and I Luv The Nitelife (2013) to victories. With a win in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace, Ryder would tie trainers Ron Burke and Bob McIntosh for most victories in this event. The New Zealand native has won nearly 1,600 races and \$43 million in purses.

Chris Ryder also trains finalist Party Girl Hill.

Driver Joe Bongiorno debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016 and scored his first victory in 2019 when driving American History to a 5-1 mild upset in the \$500,000 Open Pace. In September, Bongiorno won the Little Brown Jug with Captain Barbossa. The victory came one day after his 27th birthday. Bongiorno established a career high in 2019 with \$5.89 million in purses.

Bred by Let It Ride Stables Inc., Dana Parham and Mentally Stable Inc., New Year competes for owners Let It Ride Stables Inc. and Bottom Line Racing LLC.

"She's got the 10-hole, which may work out okay for her. I still think it's better than the 9," Ryder said. "She's healthy and sound, bright and alert. She's had a little bit of a tough year racing but seems okay for all the wear and tear. I got her from Ross Croghan, he did a good job getting her set up and race ready. She's a mare with a lot more ahead of her... just working out what I should and shouldn't do with her."

PARTY GIRL HILL (Captaintreacherous – Look Cheap – Geartogear)

Suffering from a hairline fracture injury in her hind leg as a two-year-old, Party Girl Hill has powered through an undefeated campaign which if she wins the Breeders Crown final she may be the first winner of the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace since Rainbow Blue (2004) to win Horse of the Year honors.

Debuting on June 12, Party Girl Hill rolled around backstretch interference in progress to a 1:50.2 blowout by 11-and-three-quarter lengths. Following that effort with another win against conditioned company, Party Girl Hill dipped into the Grand Circuit. She has since won a \$107,320 Adioo Volo division, an elimination and \$400,000 final of the Fan Hanover, the \$253,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championship, both heats of the \$190,180 Jugette, a \$79,200 Bluegrass division and a \$239,500 division of the Tattersalls Open Pace. She also won her Breeders Crown elimination in a 1:50.1 mile with a :25.1 final quarter.

“She's a phenomenal filly,” Chris Ryder said. “I feel confident going into next weekend, although there are some tremendous horses here. She has many qualities. She's got class. She's got speed and she can relax. She's got it all. She is versatile and takes everything that comes at her. I think not racing her last year helped her. She is doing as well as a horse can do this year. She only has the Matron left (after the Breeders Crown final), but we haven't talked about it whether she will race in it.”

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Driver Dexter Dunn is in his second full season driving in North America. He made his Breeders Crown debut in 2019 while winning two titles, driving Amigo Volo (2YO Colt and Gelding Trot) and Manchego (Mare Trot). The 2015 World Driving Champion currently sits No. 1 in earnings for the year following a campaign which earned him the USHWA Driver of the Year Award in 2019.

Party Girl Hill is a homebred for Tom Hill, who won his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2016 with Racing Hill in the Three-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace.

“I thought she was very, very good, but to expect a horse to come out and do 14 in a row in mostly stake races, no one can predict that,” Ryder said. “But she is what she is. The other fillies [Put On A Show, I Luv The Nitelife] you can't criticize at all, but this filly just seems to be able to do whatever we ask her to do—when she's in a bad position, she makes it good. Just whatever we throw at her, its not a problem. Dexter seems to fit her like a glove. I think it's more responsibility on Dexter than anybody else I believe at the moment, not that I'm trying to put him in any position. But like I said I'm happy with her and she's doing super.”

PEAKY SNEAKY (Bettor's Delight – World Of Rock – Rocknroll Hanover)

Befitting to her name, Peaky Sneaky has snuck her way into the top-ranks of one of the deepest classes of sophomore pacing fillies in decades.

As a two-year-old, Peaky Sneaky only won two races from nine starts—one in an overnight and the other in a \$120,000 International Stallion Stake division. She finished second in a \$95,298 Champlain division and third in a \$107,200 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold division but capped her year with a fourth-place finish in her Breeders Crown elimination.

In her first start at three, Peaky Sneaky stormed to a 1:51.3 open-length victory against conditioned company. She remained in overnight events until mid-July when she competed in the \$194,400 Mistletoe Shalee, finishing fifth in a dead heat. After a third-place finish in a \$53,100 Tompkins-Geers division and a fifth-place finish in the \$90,525 Shady Daisy, Peaky Sneaky headed north. Winning her Fan Hanover elimination, Peaky Sneaky finished third in the \$400,000 final (to Party Girl Hill), then faced that winner again in the \$190,180 Jugette and finished second in the final. She won both weeks of Grand Circuit at Lexington, taking a \$78,200 Bluegrass division in 1:49.1 and a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division in 1:48. She finished second to Party Girl Hill by a half length in her Breeders Crown elimination.

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Driver Yannick Gingras ranks sixth all-time, third active, on the Breeders Crown leaderboard with over \$10 million earned and 23 trophies won. Gingras won his first Breeders Crown in 2007 driving 50-1 shot Southwind Serena to an upset in the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot. He has won twice in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace, steering Sayitall BB (2014) and Warrawee Ubeaut (2019) to victories. Gingras will try to become the fifth driver to win the event in back-to-back years, joining the likes of John Campbell (1991, 1992 & 1993), Ron Pierce (2004, 2005), Brian Sears (2006, 2007) and Tim Tetrick (2012, 2013).

Peaky Sneaky was bred by White Birch Farms—which has six Breeders Crown trophies to its name—and is owned by Howard Taylor, Judith Taylor and Order By Stable(Stefan Balazsi.

“She’s actually getting sounder and sounder, which is helping her. She’s kind of always had little growth issues and what not, but as the season goes along I think she’s just maturing physically and its really helping her out. She had a tough first quarter [in the elimination]—she came :25.4 her first quarter, finished her mile :25.3. She didn’t have a lot reserve left in the tank by the time the last quarter rolled around. She’s one of those fillies that will lay it all out on the track every time.”

PETTYCOAT BUSINESS (Art Major – Benearthebeach – Somebeachsomewhere)

Starting small, Pettycoat Business has gradually upped her game despite not racing at two.

Debuting in a conditioned pace at Hoosier Park in early July, Pettycoat Business scored her first victory in her following start—winning a \$15,000 preliminary for the New York Excelsior Series. She then finished second in a New York Sires Stakes preliminary before finishing third in a \$107,320 Adioo Volo division. She then won a \$12,500 elimination of the Empire Breeders Classic but finished sixth in the final.

She then tried her hand in the Kentucky Sires Stakes, finishing second in two preliminaries and third in the \$250,000 Final. But following a fifth-place finish in a \$78,200 Bluegrass division, she rebounded with a 1:50.3 victory in a conditioned pace at The Red Mile. Heading into the Breeders Crown elimination, she travelled a first-over mile to finish third in the \$120,000 Courageous Lady at Northfield Park. She heads into the Breeders Crown final off a fifth-place finish in her elimination.

Trainer Brian Brown has sent two Breeders Crown winners: Colors A Virgin (2015 Mare Pace) and Blazin Britches (2017 3YO Filly Pace). The Ohio-based trainer is known for training Downbytheseaside, a winner of \$2.2 million with wins including in the Governor's Cup, Art Rooney, Carl Milstein and Messenger Pace. His stable is on its way to topping \$2 million in earnings for the seventh-consecutive year. In his career, he has won nearly 1,700 and \$28 million in purses.

Harrah's Hoosier Park's leading driver Trace Tetrick will drive Bayfield Beach as the Illinois native and brother to Tim Tetrick tries for his fourth Breeders Crown trophy. He made his Breeders Crown debut in 2014 with Color's A Virgin (2014 3YO Filly Pace) and finished fourth in the final. He won his first Breeders Crown in 2015 with supplemental entry Freaky Feet Pete and won two when the event last came to Harrah's Hoosier Park, steering Fiftydallarbill (2017 3YO Colt and Gelding Trot) and Blazin Britches (2017 3YO Filly Pace) to victory.

Pettycoat Business was bred by Steve Stewart, Martin Schmucker and Michael Robinson and is owned by Michael Robinson, Robert Mondillo, RBH Ventures Inv. and Gilbilly Stable.

"Party Girl Hill's probably one of the best mares ever and there's three or four in there who are probably fighting for second best," Brown said. "We need a trip to be able to get money, but I think [she's] coming in in pretty good shape. Her last two have been as good of races as she's had all year. For her to come first over at Northfield on a half and be out as long as she did and only get beat three lengths was pretty good for her. Last week they went a slow three-quarters and all flew home, and she actually gained a little on them. I'm very happy with her last two."

ROCKNIFICENT (Captaintreacherous – Rocklamation – Rockroll Hanover)

By 2013 Three-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace winner Captaintreacherous out of four-time Breeders Crown finalist Rocklamation, Rocknificent will try to finally upend her competitors after weeks of on-the-board finishes.

As a two-year-old, Rocknificent won three preliminaries of the Kindergarten Series and two preliminaries of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes (PASS) before finishing fourth in the \$252,000 PASS Championship and then third in the \$192,500 Kindergarten Final. She capped the year with a third-place finish in a Three Diamonds elimination and a second-place finish in the \$411,000 final.

Coming back as a sophomore in late June, Rocknificent won her first race of the year in her second start, taking a PASS preliminary. She won two other PASS preliminaries and a \$53,100 division of Tompkins-Geers before finishing third in the \$253,000 PASS Championship. With a win in a \$30,000 Liberty Bell division, Rocknificent shipped to Lexington where she finished third in a \$79,200 Bluegrass division and a \$112,500 Glen Garnsey Memorial division. She rode the pocket to a fourth-place finish in her Breeders Crown elimination.

Trainer Linda Toscano, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019, has six Breeders Crown trophies (she was the first woman) to her credit. She has won nearly 2,300 lifetime races and \$58 million in purses. She ranks among the sport's top 10 in all time training purses. She's campaigned champions including Chapter Seven (2011 3YO Colt Trot, 2012 Open Trot), 2012 Hambletonian winner Market Share (winner of the 2014 Open Trot) and Walner (2016 2YO Colt Trot).

Driver Scott Zeron tries for his third Breeders Crown trophy. He scored his first Breeders Crown victory in this event when driving Call Me Queen Be to victory in 2016. Zeron's other Breeders Crown win came with Captain Crunch (2018). For his career, Zeron has won more than 3,800 races and \$77 million in purses.

The half-million dollar earner was bred by Deo Volente Farms LLC and T L P Stable and is owned by Enviro Stables Ltd., South Mountain Stables and Little E LLC.

"She's got such great tactical speed that she can put herself into the race every single week, but this is without a doubt the deepest group of three-year-old pacing fillies that I have seen in a very, very long time," Linda Toscano said. "When I've watched different ones peak through the season, my filly has been incredibly consistent through the season which has put her on the board all but one time—last week. The way I could win this race could be if somebody paid the price for it because my filly is so consistent and she does have the speed to put herself involved in the race and finish up also. But I have confidence she'll give me her best race. She always does."