

Captain Barbossa (Captaintreacherous-Swinging Beauty-Art Major)

Captain Barbossa will be appearing in his first Breeders Crown after finishing third in the second 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination on Saturday (October 24) at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He was 2 3/4 lengths behind winner Tall Dark Stranger at the wire and went his mile in 1:49.2 (last quarter in 25.4).

Races won by Captain Barbossa during his career include two legs of the Kindergarten Classic Series and a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile a season ago and the final of the Little Brown Jug this year at the Delaware County Fair in Ohio.

He is trained by Tony Alagna. Alagna, 48, has won six Breeders Crown finals. In 2019, he won three trophies and became the fourth trainer ever to win three or more in a year, joining Jimmy Takter, Ron Burke, and Bob McIntosh. Alagna's victories were with Ramona Hill in the 2-year-old filly trot, Reflect With Me in the 2-year-old filly pace, and American History in the Open Pace.

Alagna's prior triumphs were with 2-year-old male pacer Stay Hungry in 2017, 3-year-old male pacer Racing Hill in 2016, and 3-year-old male pacer Captaintreacherous in 2013.

Joe Bongiorno drives Captain Barbossa. Bongiorno, 27, won his first Breeders Crown final in 2019, guiding American History to victory in the Open Pace. Bongiorno debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016.

The Captaintreacherous colt is owned by Robert Leblanc, David Anderson, and Alagnafrankinthegym Stable.

"The horse raced unreal in the Little Brown Jug. Then he came back in (1):48.3 at Lexington. He's definitely going to be fit. It's going to be 21 days from his last start, but Tony always has his horses ready to go.

"This year being able to win the Jug for Tony, I can't thank him and his owners, his whole team, for the opportunities they've given me." - Joe Bongiorno prior to Captain Barbossa's Breeders Crown elimination.

Cattlewash (Somebeachsomewhere-Road Bet-Bettor's Delight)

Cattlewash qualified for the Breeders Crown for the second straight year by winning Saturday night's first Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination in 1:47.2, matching the all-age track record at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

A year ago, Cattlewash was third in his elimination and the final of the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace. Races won by Cattlewash in 2019 were two Pennsylvania Sire Stakes legs, a Pennsylvania All-Stars flight, and a Bluegrass split at The Red Mile.

This year, Cattlewash added a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes win, a Keystone Classic triumph, and another victory in the Bluegrass at The Red Mile. That triumph in Lexington came in 1:46.4, tying the world record that had belonged to his sire Somebeachsomewhere and He's Watching for a sophomore pacing colt on a mile track.

Ron Burke trains Cattlewash. Burke, 51, leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke's most recent victory came in 2019 with 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut.

Burke won three finals in 2018 with 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover, 3-year-old filly pacer Percy Bluechip, and 2-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut. He also won three trophies in 2017, including with mare Hannelore Hanover beating the boys in the Open Trot. Hannelore Hanover was Horse of the Year in both the U.S. and Canada in 2017.

Burke's other Breeders Crown champions included Foiled Again in the 2013 Open Pace at Pocono. The now retired Foiled Again is the sport's all-time leading money-winner with \$7.63 million.

David Miller is Cattlewash's regular driver. Miller, 55, ranks No. 2 among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 24, and is No. 5 all time in the series. His most recent trophy came in 2019 with Gimpanzee in the 3-year-old colt trot.

In 2015, Miller set the record for most Breeders Crown victories in a single year, with five. He accomplished the feat at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

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

William J. Donovan bred and owns Cattlewash. He is named after of Donovan's favorite coastlined in Ireland.

"He's just real sharp right now, and I could tell scoring him down that he felt really good. I was thinking if a lot of them left, I would have raced him a little different, but really only one horse left, so I just kind of let him pace out of there. He felt strong the whole way." - David Miller following Cattlewash's elimination victory

"He was good (in his elimination), probably the best race of the year for him with sneaky late pace. I look for him to even improve a little bit more next week." - Ron Burke

Elver Hanover (Yankee Cruiser-Edra Hanover-The Panderosa)

Elver Hanover will be making his first appearance in the Breeders Crown after he came in fourth in the second 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination on Saturday night at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He finished four lengths behind winner Tall Dark Stranger and was timed in 1:49.3 (last quarter in 25.3). He was not kept eligible as a 2-year-old.

The gelded son of Yankee Cruiser went nine-for-nine as a 2-year-old, including wins in the Ohio Sires Stakes Final and both of his Grand Circuit appearances at The Red Mile. The first of those wins in Lexington was in 1:48.3, a world record.

This year, Elver Hanover has won two Ohio Sires Stakes legs and his Ohio Breeders Championship event.

Ron Burke trains Elver Hanover. Burke, 51, leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke's most recent victory came in 2019 with 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut.

Burke won three finals in 2018 with 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover, 3-year-old filly pacer Percy Bluechip, and 2-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut. He also won three trophies in 2017, including with mare Hannelore Hanover beating the boys in the Open Trot. Hannelore Hanover was Horse of the Year in both the U.S. and Canada in 2017.

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Chris Page is Elver Hanover's driver. Page, 36, had three drives in Breeders Crown finals in 2019, with a best finish of fifth with 2-year-old filly pacer Looksgoodinaromper. He made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018 and had fourth-place finishes in the 3-year-old filly pace final with Baron Remy and the Open Pace with Rockin Ron.

Burke Racing Stable LLC., Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, Jason Melillo, and J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby own Elver Hanover.

Manticore (Western Ideal-Southwind Piaya-McArdle)

Manticore made a Breeders Crown final for the first time by finishing fifth in the first 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination on Saturday night at Harrah's Hoosier Park. Manticore was six lengths behind the winner Cattlewash, completed the mile in 1:48.3, and clocked a last quarter of 26.4.

In 2019 Manticore won three times, including a division of the Geers and a leg of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes. As a 3-year-old, he added a victory in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Consolation.

This Western Ideal colt is trained by Bruce Saunders, former brother-in-law of Vice-President Joe Biden.. Saunders, 76, won the 2010 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace with eventual Horse of the Year Rock N Roll Heaven.

Yannick Gingras drove Manticore in his elimination. Gingras, 41, is third among active drivers in Breeders Crown trophies, with 23, and No. 6 all time in the series. He won two finals in 2019, with 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut and 2-year-old colt pacer Tall Dark Stranger. He also won a Breeders Crown in 2018 with Warrawee Ubeaut in the 2-year-old filly pace.

In 2017, Gingras won four Crowns in a year for the second time in his career. Among those victories, he won the Open Trot with Hannelore Hanover, who became the first female to win the event since Moni Maker in 1998. Hannelore Hanover went on to be named Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.

Gingras won his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 3-year-old female trotter Southwind Serena, at odds of 50-1. He won four trophies in 2014 at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey and has won three trophies in a year three times.

M&L Of Delaware LLC and M&M Harness Racing LLC. are the co-owners of Manticore.

"I was very happy with the way he raced (in his elimination). I thought he was in a very difficult spot. It was an extremely fast race. The winner was very impressive, and the horses that finished 1-2-3-4 were all horses that established their position very early on the rail. We wound up being third-over, which sometimes can be a good position, but in this case it wasn't. We were following Allywag Hanover, who is normally a good horse to follow, but he wasn't quite as sharp, so we wound up tipping four-deep coming out of the turn, and the length of that stretch is just preposterous there.

"For him to be out as long as he was and to be as wide as he was coming out of the turn, for him to manage to nose his way into the final, we're very pleased with his effort. I hope he'll step up off that." - Bruce Saunders

No Lou Zing (Sweet Lou-Terroronthebeach-Western Terror)

No Lou Zing, making his initial Breeders Crown appearance, was the runner-up in Saturday night's first 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination. He wound up a length and a half behind the winner, Cattlewash, completed the mile in 1:47.3, and paced his last quarter in 26.4.

After not hitting the board in three starts as a 2-year-old, No Lou Zing has improved greatly as a 3-year-old, winning six times. He captured two legs of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes, the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Championship, and picked up his first Grand Circuit triumph in the Jenna's Beach Boy at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Nancy Takter is the trainer of No Lou Zing. Takter, 39, won two Breeders Crown trophies in 2019, increasing her career total to four. She won last year with 2-year-old male pacer Tall Dark Stranger and trotting mare Manchego. Tall Dark Stranger was a Dan Patch Award winner.

Her previous wins came with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch in 2018 and 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady in 2014. Captain Crunch was a Dan Patch Award winner and JK She'salady was 2014 Horse of the Year. She is the only 2-year-old filly pacer in history to receive the honor.

Dexter Dunn will pilot No Lou Zing. Dunn, 31, made his Breeders Crown finals debut in 2019 and came away with two trophies. Dunn won with Manchego in the Mare Trot and with Amigo Volo in the event for 2-year-old male trotters.

3 Brothers Stables, Rojan Stables, and Caviart Farms own No Lou Zing.

"He was really immature last year as a 2-year-old. His knees bothered him a little bit, and he just had no concept of what being a race horse actually entailed, so we ended up gelding him and turning him out. We've really been babying him all along. He's been racing off-the-pace. I was a little worried when he was on the front-end tonight because it's the first time he's ever cut a mile, but I guess now he's learned to do that.

"That was really rewarding actually to see him on the front and just see the maturity in him and to see just how much he's learned to become a race horse. Dexter's done a really good job with him, and Josert Fonseca, who is my assistant trainer, drove him earlier in the year and did a really good job just educating him.

"We actually didn't have him staked very much this year because he didn't really race much last year. This was actually one of the bigger races on his schedule, so we were kind of aiming for here, and it worked out good. Obviously, if you can get an extra trip around the track prior to the Breeders Crown, that's always a good thing, too." - Nancy Takter after No Lou Zing's win in the Jenna's Beach Boy

Sandbetweenmytoes (Somebeachsomewhere-Galleria-Artsplace)

Sandbetweenmytoes, whose sire, dam sire and dam were Breeders Crown champions during their respective careers, made his first Breeders Crown final by finishing fifth in Saturday night's second 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He was five lengths behind winner Tall Dark Stranger, completed his mile in 1:49.4, and turned in a 25.3 last quarter.

After winning just a single overnight race as a 2-year-old, Sandbetweenmytoes has racked up six victories in 2020. They include three legs of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, a division of the Keystone Classic, and his Little Brown Jug elimination.

Jim Campbell trains Sandbetweenmytoes, a gelding by the late Somebeachsomewhere. Campbell, 58, 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, who is Sandbetweenmytoes's dam, 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.

All four of Campbell's Breeders Crown winners were Dan Patch Award winners.

Scott Zeron is the driver of Sandbetweenmytoes. Zeron, 31, won his first Breeders Crown in 2016 with Call Me Queen Be in the final for 3-year-old female pacers. He won a second trophy in 2018 with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch.

Fashion Farms LLC. bred and owns Sandbetweenmytoes.

"I was very happy with him (in his elimination). He paced home in (25.3), I think they charted him. The front-end got a real big breather the second and third quarter, and against top horses like that, it's hard to make up ground. The main thing was to get him qualified to get a shot for next week. We got that done, and as far as his own individual performance, I was very happy with him.

"He has gotten better and better. I was a little disappointed with his two races in Lexington, but we were fighting some tie-up issues with him there. They seem to be resolved for last night, and hopefully we can send him into the final in good shape like he was for last night. He's gone some big races this year, and he's a big, strong horse. Hopefully, if they mix it up a little bit up in the front-end and he's sitting in the right spot, he can get a piece of it on Saturday." - Jim Campbell

Save Me A Dance (Heston Blue Chip-Dance Hall Girl-Real Artist)

Save Me A Dance became a Breeders Crown finalist for the first time by finishing fourth in Saturday night's first 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination. He was 5 3/4 lengths behind winner Cattlewash, completed the mile in 1:48.3, and closed with a 27 second final quarter.

This colt by Heston Blue Chip has just one win this year, coming in an overnight race at the Meadowlands, but he did finish second four times in New York Sire Stakes legs. A season ago, he won one New York Sire Stakes round, his Lawrence B. Sheppard elimination, and a split of the Simpson Memorial.

Andrew Harris trains Save Me A Dance. Harris, 35, is in search of his first Breeders Crown. He was sixth in the 2018 3-Year-Old Colt Trot final with Lawmaker and eighth in the 2016 3-Year-Old Colt Trot final with Waitlifter K.

Harris' stable established career highs in 2019, with 157 wins and \$3.13 million in purses. He has finished among the top 20 trainers in North America in earnings each of the past three seasons.

A native of Ontario, Harris helped his father, Jack, with a stable of horses before the age of 10. After graduating from high school, he worked for trainer Casie Coleman for a decade before starting his own stable.

Joe Bongiorno steered Save Me A Dance in his elimination. Bongiorno, 27, won his first Breeders Crown final in 2019, guiding American History to victory in the Open Pace. Bongiorno debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016.

Robert J. Key bred and owns Save Me A Dance. He won his first Crown in 1984 with Amneris.

"Unfortunately, he didn't actually get to shake loose until very, very late (in his elimination), so I was actually nervous he was even going to make the final. Joe said once he shook loose, he did the rest from there. He's one of those colts where he's a little bit trip dependent, that's his only issue. If we use him too hard leaving, he doesn't have it on the end, but if they don't use him too hard leaving, he can finish with those colts. He's just got away closer somehow. He needs post position to be on his side.

"I'm not under the illusion he can ever beat Tall Dark Stranger - that's the greatest horse in the country right now, but do I think he can knock heads with some of the other ones? Absolutely."
- Andrew Harris

Tall Dark Stranger (Bettor's Delight-Precocious Beauty-Artsplace)

Tall Dark Stranger, who was second-placed-first in last year's Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Pace, will look to become a two-time champion after winning the second 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination on Saturday night at Harrah's Hoosier Park in 1:48.4. He sprinted home in 25.4 and tallied by a quarter of a length.

This Bettor's Delight colt had eight wins in his rookie campaign, including two scores in the Ontario Sires Stakes program, his elimination and the final of the Metro, and an International Stallion Stakes event at The Red Mile. As a sophomore, he has come back to win his elimination and the final of the Meadowlands Pace, the Cane Pace, his elimination and the final of the Pepsi North America Cup, the Kentucky Sires Stakes final, and two more Grand Circuit races at The Red Mile.

Nancy Takter trains Tall Dark Stranger. Takter, 39, won two Breeders Crown trophies in 2019, increasing her career total to four. She won last year with 2-year-old male pacer Tall Dark Stranger and trotting mare Manchego. Tall Dark Stranger was a Dan Patch Award winner.

Her previous wins came with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch in 2018 and 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady in 2014. Captain Crunch was a Dan Patch Award winner and JK She'salady was 2014 Horse of the Year. She is the only 2-year-old filly pacer in history to receive the honor.

Yannick Gingras is Tall Dark Stranger's regular driver. Gingras, 41, is third among active drivers in Breeders Crown trophies, with 23, and No. 6 all time in the series. He won two finals in 2019, with 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut and 2-year-old colt pacer Tall Dark Stranger. He also won a Breeders Crown in 2018 with Warrawee Ubeaut in the 2-year-old filly pace.

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Gingras won his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 3-year-old female trotter Southwind Serena, at odds of 50-1. He won four trophies in 2014 at the Meadowlands Racetrack in New Jersey and has won three trophies in a year three times.

Crawford Farms Racing, Marvin Katz, Caviart Farms, and Howard Taylor are the owners of Tall Dark Stranger.

"He just waits on them a little bit. He used to stress me out early in the year, but now I just trust him. I tried to take it easy on him tonight and let him fight them off in the stretch. I think last week in Lexington is probably the best start he's ever had. He's super-sharp and I have all the confidence in the world. He's a great, great, great horse." - Yannick Gingras

The Greek Freak (Captaintreacherous-Thirty X-Rocknroll Hanover)

The Greek Freak, who is named after two-time National Basketball Association Most Valuable Player Giannis Antetokounmpo, qualified for his first Breeders Crown by finishing third in Saturday night's first 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He wound up 3 3/4 lengths behind the winner Cattlewash and was timed in 1:48.1 (last quarter in 27 seconds).

After going winless in nine starts as a rookie, The Greek Freak has won four times in his sophomore campaign. Those triumphs include two legs of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and his Adios elimination.

This Captaintreacherous gelding is one of three Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Pace finalists for trainer Ron Burke. Burke, 51, leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke's most recent victory came in 2019 with 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut.

Burke won three finals in 2018 with 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover, 3-year-old filly pacer Percy Bluechip, and 2-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut. He also won three trophies in 2017, including with mare Hannelore Hanover beating the boys in the Open Trot. Hannelore Hanover was Horse of the Year in both the U.S. and Canada in 2017.

Burke's other Breeders Crown champions included Foiled Again in the 2013 Open Pace at Pocono. The now retired Foiled Again is the sport's all-time leading money-winner with \$7.63 million.

Matt Kakaley drove The Greek Freak in his elimination. Kakaley, 32, got his first two Breeders Crown trophies in 2018. He won the 3-year-old colt pace with Dorsoduro Hanover and the 3-year-old filly pace with Percy Bluechip. In 2019, he won an elimination of the Open Pace with Dorsoduro Hanover and finished second in the final.

Burke Racing Stable LLC., Piatt Racing LLC., J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby, and Weaver Brusceci LLC. are the owners of The Greek Freak.

"He was very good. He's maybe a step below those, needs maybe a trip, but raced very well." - trainer Ron Burke on The Greek Freak's elimination effort

Warrawee Vital (Captaintreacherous-Great Memories-Apaches Fame)

This half-brother to two-time Breeders Crown champion Warrawee Ubeaut is now a Breeders Crown finalist himself after scoring a runner-up finish in Saturday night's second 3-Year-Old Colt Pace elimination. He was just a quarter of a length behind winner Tall Dark Stranger, got the same time of 1:48.4, and paced a 25.2 final panel.

After winning once in two efforts as a 2-year-old, Warrawee Vital is a seven-time winner in 2020. Early in the season he won two legs of the Snowshoe Series at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and in the last couple months he has won divisions of the Somebeachsomewhere, Simcoe, and Bluegrass.

Warrawee Vital is trained by Rob Fellows. Fellows, 58, is in search of his first Breeders Crown trophy. Sturdy Lori was third in her elimination and the final of the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot for Fellows in 2002 and his Wilsonator was third in her elimination and fourth in the final of the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot in 2010.

Tim Tetrick will drive Warrawee Vital. Tetrick, 38, is fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 20 and is No. 7 all time in the series. His most recent trophies came in 2018, in the Mare Pace with Shartin N and the 3-year-old filly trot with Lily Stride.

He won a career-high four Breeders Crown trophies in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack, including the Open Trot with Chapter Seven. At the end of the season, Chapter Seven was voted Horse of the Year.

In 2014, Tetrick drove 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady to wins in her Breeders Crown elimination and final.

Blair Corbeil, Yolanda Fellows, and M&S Racing Stable Inc. are the owners of Warrawee Vital.

"When we bought the colt in Lexington, he had the pedigree and breeding behind him to be this good. He's very versatile. He's got tremendous gate speed and he's got that kick to come home with. He seems to be the full package." - Blair Corbeil

'He got to the races early enough (at age 2) but he had some problems, so I gave him time off. I raced him in the winter to see if he was good enough to stake him, and he showed that he was.

"Then training down in the spring, he had a little soreness problem, so I gave him time for that and that's why I'm so late in getting to the table. But he's raced well so far. His best quality is that he's smart. He's learned quickly what he's had to learn. He's caught on very well. And he's fast, very fast." - Rob Fellows