# CAVIART ALLY (bay mare, 6, Bettors Delight – Allamerican Cool – No Nukes)

Caviart Ally was sixth in the lone Mare Pace elim at Hoosier Park, with regular driver Andrew McCarthy aboard. Caviart Ally is off to a somewhat slow start (for her) with only one win and six thirds from 11 starts this year, The Caviart Farms' owned mare is closing in on \$2 million in earnings. Last . Year she went into the Breeders Crown with seven wins, seven seconds and two thirds. She would have several more notches in the win column were it not for her nemesis Crown winner and 2019 Horse of the Year Shorten N.

Caviart Alley turned the tables in 2019 however, finishing strong to win the Crown by two and a half in 1:49.3 over Shorten and Kissing in the Sand, winner of this year's lone elimination.

Trained by New Zealand native Brett Pelling, (Noel Daley had her prior to 2019,) Caviart Ally's achievements include straight-heat victories in the Jugette at Delaware, Ohio, and a win in her elimination and second in the Breeders Crown Final her sophomore season; and a third in her elim and second a second time in her Breeders Crown Final in 2018. She then won last year in a romp.

Brett Pelling, 61, has won 11 Breeders Crown trophies, good for fifth place in history. His most recent triumph came in 2019 in the Mare Pace with Caviart Ally. The victory came upon Pelling's return to the Breeders Crown stage after an absence of 14 years. Pelling, a New Zealand native, left the U.S. for Australia in 2006 before deciding to come back in 2017 to train horses again.

Prior to Caviart Ally's win, Pelling's last Crown came in 2005 when Rocknroll Hanover won the 3-year-old colt pace final on his way to Horse of the Year. Pelling's stable also produced two-time Breeders Crown champion Armbro Operative, Forever Starlet, Grinfromeartoear, I Am A Fool, Juliet's Fate, Mystical Maddy, Western Ideal, and Western Terror.

In 1998, Pelling was named Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Andy McCarthy, 33, in 2019 became the eighth driver in history to win at least four Breeders Crown finals in a year. He became the first to accomplish the feat without driving a favorite. McCarthy's victories came with 2-year-old filly trotter Ramona Hill, 2-year-old filly pacer Reflect With Me, pacing mare Caviart Ally, and 3-year-old colt pacer Dancin Lou.

On Aug. 8, McCarthy drove Ramona Hill to victory in the \$1 million Hambletonian in a stakes-record-equaling 1:50.1. Ramona Hill became the 15th filly to beat the boys in the 95-year history of the race.

McCarthy picked up his second win in a million-dollar race on Sept. 26 when he guided Venerate to victory in the inaugural Mohawk Million for 2-year-old trotters.

McCarthy has seen his purse earnings increase every year since the start of 2013, reaching \$7.67 million in 2019. For his career, he has won \$51 million and more than 2,500 races.

A chance meeting with trainer Noel Daley inspired McCarthy to leave Australia and head to the U.S. in 2007. In his third lifetime drive in the States, McCarthy piloted Daley's Took Hanover to a 1:49 win in the open at the Meadowlands.

McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Luke and Todd are successful drivers and his father John is a highly regarded trainer. Todd recently relocated from Australia to the U.S. to compete in North America. The McCarthy family was selected by the Bathurst Harness Racing Club as its 2016 Gold Crown honoree.

Out of the No Nukes mare Allamerican Cool, the Hanover Shoe Farms-bred was a \$35,000 yearling purchase at Harrisburg by Buck and Judy Chaffee's Caviart Farms of Vienna, VA.

#### KISSIN IN THE SAND

#### (5, Somebeachsomewhere – Kiss Me Kate – Real Artist)

In the lone Open Mare elim, she was away midpack with Dexter Dunn driving for trainer Nancy Takter, and the mare closed stoutly through the lane to score by three-quarters in 1:49.4.

Past Breeders Crown appearances: Finished third in the Mare Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park Finished third in the 3YO Filly Pace at Pocono Downs

Kissin In The Sand was the 2018 champion three-year-old pacing filly, after a stellar season that saw her win two-thirds of her 15 starts and finish second in her additional five trips behind the starting gate. With lifetime earnings of over \$1.5 million, her sophomore year was her richest so far.

Among the victories by the well-traveled filly were the Lynch at Pocono, the Mistletoe Shalee at the Meadowlands, her divisions of the Bluegrass and Tattersalls at Lexington and the final and two legs of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. She was also second in the Breeders Crown at Pocono Downs.

The wickedly fast daughter of Somebeachsomewhere took her mark of 1:47.3 at the Red Mile in Lexington. Her sire won the 2008 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Pace.

Now five, she's rebounded from a dull year in 2019, and has won six of 10 and equaled her lifetime mark.

Her Breeders Crown elimination win was her fifth consecutive victory. Included in that run were the Allerage, Dayton Distaff and elim and final of the Milton.

Marvin Katz and Hatfield Stables ponied up \$130,000 to purchase Kissin In The Sand as a yearling at the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale. She was bred by Christina Takter, John Fielding, R A W Equine Inc., and Concord Stud Farm LLC.

Marvin Katz is a ten-time Breeders Crown winning owner, while Bud Hatfield (Hatfield Stables) scored his first Breeders Crown triumph in the 2016 3-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot with Bar Hopping. Hatfield is retired from the auto sales business, and was an avid amateur driver for decades, winning the Billings Series twice.

Nancy Takter trains Kissin In The Sand. 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's alady in 2014. Captain Crunch was a Dan Patch Award winner and JK She's alady was 2014 Horse of the Year. She is the only 2-year-old filly pacer in history to receive the honor.

"She's been a good mare — you know, she was a good 2-year-old, good 3-year-old, 4-year-old, 5-year-old, so she's just super tough," trainer Nancy Takter said after the race. "The best part is going to be that she's not going to have the nine-hole in the final now."

### PHILLY HANOVER (Captaintreacherous – Paris Hanover – Camluck)

A 4-year-old, Philly Hanover is appearing in her second Breeders Crown final. Last year, she finished third in her elimination and eighth in the final at Woodbine Mohawk Park. This year, she finished fifth in her elimination.

Her sire, Captaintreacherous, won a Breeders Crown at age 3 in 2013.

Career wins for Philly Hanover include two legs of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes in 2019.

She finished second in the 2018 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final and third in this year's Clara Barton Distaff Pace at Plainridge Park.

Robert Fellows, 58, is appearing in his third Breeders Crown final. He was third with 3-year-old filly trotter Sturdy Lori in 2002 and fourth with 3-year-old filly trotter Wilsonator in 2010. Fellows has won nearly 1,200 races and \$18 million purses in his career. Fellows also starts Warrawee Vital in the 3-year-old Crown Colt Pace.

Philly Hanover was trained throughout her two and three-year-old year by co-owner Ron Coyne, who sent Philly Hanover north to the Fellows stable when the limited racing opportunity for pacing mares in the U.S. did not ease.

Scott Zeron, 31, drives Weslynn Quest. Zeron 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. Zeron twice led all Canadian drivers in wins (2010 and 2011) before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013. In 2012, he received the Rising Star Award. In 2018, Zeron drove Atlanta to victory in the \$1 million Hambletonian Stakes, the sport's premier event for 3-year-old trotters. Atlanta became the first female to win the Hambletonian since Continentalvictory in 1996. She was named 2018 Trotter of the Year. In 2016, Zeron won the Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, Kentucky Futurity) with Marion Marauder, who was named Trotter of the Year. For his career, Zeron has won more than 3,800 races and \$77 million in purses.

Philly Hanover is owned by Ron Coyne Stables and Blair Corbeil.

She was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, the leading breeder in the Crown series, responsible for 26 champions and \$17 million in purse earnings. .

## **ROCKIN NOLA (4, Rockin Image – Gottogetoutmore – Keystone Raider)**

Rockin Nola, the Indiana-bred mare with the big heart and a bigger stride, has made the Indiana Sire Stakes her personal ATM as the 4YO daughter or Rockin Image has captured the rich Indiana Super Finals at both 2 (\$220,000) and at age 3 (\$270,000).

Treating the lucrative Hoosier program like her own "Big Easy," the Joe Putnam-trained mare has missed only 2 checks in her entire racing career which accounts for her \$547,907 in earnings and a 20-9-4 summary in 41 lifetime starts.

She took her 1:49.4 record at three, winning a leg of the Indiana Sire Stakes at Hoosier Park, with regular driver Joey Putnam in the bike.

In fact, she has only raced outside of the "Crossroads of America" on one occasion, traveling East for a \$40,000 invitational/open on Ohio's Super Night at Scioto, which she won at 13-1.

Coming into the Breeders Crown with streak of six wins in a row, she also won a leg and the final of ISS-Mares.

Bred in Indiana by Mahlon Lambright, the sub-1:50 sidewinder is owned by J P Racing (Joe Putnam) & Suttons Bay Racing (Linda Cox).

She is yet another fine example of the prosperity horsemen are enjoying through the Indiana Standardbred program, which produced THREE Horse of the Year winners in a row: Wiggle It Jiggleit (2015), Always B Miki (2016) and Hannelore Hanover (2017).

A modest \$15,000 Hoosier Classic yearling purchase in 2017 Rockin Nola was selected as a youngster by veteran trainer-driver, and ISA president Joe Putnam, the open pacing mare has ripped off six consecutive victories and is poised to meet the fastest females on the face of the earth, right here on her home turf.

The elder Putnam, a native of Flint, Michigan, has over 3,000 wins as a driver and 1,275 training wins with over \$10 million in earnings, he noted, "We were grateful for the bye week. 'Nola' raced hard the last four weeks in a row, so although we were not expecting a week off, we were happy to get it."

This is the Putnam family's first Breeders Crown appearance with the father and son--trainer (Joe) and driver (Joey) duo taking on the best of the Grand Circuit in the \$300,000 Mare Pace.

Rockin Nola drew post two with the youthful Joey Putnam at the controls. Quickly making a name for himself at Hoosier Park, the 22-year-old has ascended into the top ten in the competitive Anderson, Indiana drivers colony in just his fourth year of driving.

## Shartin N, bay mare, 7, Tintin in America – Bagdarin – Live or Die

In the lone Open Mare Pace elimination, Shartin led the field through splits of 27.1, 56.3, 1:23.4 before Kissin in the Sand exploded past to stop the clock in 1:50.

Past Breeders Crowns: 2019: Second to Caviart Ally in the Mare Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park **2018: Won the Mare Pace at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.** 

New Zealand-bred Shartin N has been a force to be reckoned with since arriving on these shores three years ago. The seven-year-old mare has started 52 times in the northern hemisphere, with 39 wins and seven seconds to show for it as well as numerous stakes trophies and a Horse of the Year title!

She's perfectly at home on any size track, having captured events over all size tracks in the United States and Canada.

Shartin N became the first mare in harness racing history to reach \$1 million in a single season, finishing her 2018 campaign with \$1.05 million.

The 2018 Open Mare Breeders Crown champion, Shartin N was also selected Mare Pacer of the Year, and was runner-up for Horse of the Year honors to male pacer McWicked.

In 2019 she achieved the ultimate status, and was voted Horse of the Year 83-42 over Bettors Wish.

The 2018 victory in Open Mares with Shartin was Delaware-based King's first in just five tries.

Last year, she's won 15 of 19 outings. She was riding a 13-race win streak before fellow Breeders Crown Open Mare Pace entrant Caviart Ally beat her in the Allerage at the Red Mile October 6 last year.

This year at seven, she's won five of eight including the Lady Liberty, Artiscape and Clara Barton.

Jim King Jr., 68, won his first Breeders Crown title in 2018 with Shartin N in the Mare Pace. In 2019, he had second-place finishes with Shartin N in the Mare Pace and Lyons Sentinel in the 2-year-old filly pace.

King received the 2019 Good Guy Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. His wife, Jo Ann, who for years shared training duties, got the award in 2015.

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.

Jo Ann also was an accomplished driver. She was the first female driver to win a race at the Meadowlands and won 135 times in the late 1970s through early-1980s. She has more than 235 wins as a trainer.

Co-owner Richard Poillucci started importing horses from Down Under in 2016. "When I first came across Shartin N I liked her immediately because of her breeding," he said. "No one knew who Tintin In America was as a stallion but he was by McArdle, and he was super-fast. I have always been a fan of McArdle mares and Timmy (Tetrick) has been as well. So we talked about it and went back and forth and it took me a whole year to buy her because she wasn't fully developed yet."

Tetrick not only drives the mare, but also is an owner as is Joann Looney-King, who also shares training duties with her husband Jim.

"Shartin's just a great mare," said Joann Looney-King last year. "She falls in line with everything, is very low key in the barn and ships well. She's all about business on the track and respects the people she is closest to. She loves her caretaker and respects her trainer and driver. It's been a great partnership and the trip of a lifetime. I'm so grateful to Grant Crabbe for breeding her."

### Stonebridge Soul bay mare 4, Somebeachsomewhere-Rock N Soul, by Rocknroll Hanover

Stonebridge Soul may not be as fast as she used to be but she's amassed nearly three-quarters of a million in her three years of racing. The four-year-old daughter of Somebeachsomewhere brought \$110,000 at the Lexington Select Yearling Sale.

She was eighth in the lone elimination for open mares, with Brett Miller in the bike for Chris Ryder.

Last year, Stonebridge Soul's wins included the James M. Lynch Memorial and Mistletoe Shalee. In March, she was turned out for two months while racing was shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. She made her 2020 debut for trainer Chris Ryder in July. She is in the care of trainer Chantal Mitchell while in Canada.

"We staked her pretty much to all the big races not really knowing what we'd have because she's a 4-year-old (competing against older horses)," said Craig Henderson of Henderson Farms, which shares ownership of Stonebridge Soul with Bob Mondillo.

"She loves to finish," Henderson told the USTA's Ken Weingartner. . "She finishes strong and never gives up. If she has a clear path from the top of the stretch, she'll close as well as anybody.

"She's a great mare and I'm thrilled to have her. We couldn't be happier."

For her career, Stonebridge Soul has won eight of 34 races and \$674,206. Her racing career is more than about earnings and a future breeding career. Henderson is introducing his friends to the game of ownership with the mare. Henderson has owned racehorses for 12 years. He was one of the owners of 2010 Dan Patch Award winner Put On A Show as well as stakes winner That's The Ticket. His pacer Bushwacker was retired recently after earning \$743,808.

His Henderson Farms ownership group is himself and several friends."I really was trying to get people more interested in harness racing because I really enjoy it," Henderson said. "They're having fun."

Last week they added the top New York-based nursery Crawford Farms to the ownership of Stonebridge Soul. The plans call for her to race another year for Chris Ryder then join the Crawford broodmare band.

# SWEET LUCY LOU (Sweet Lou – Ultimate Bet – Bettor's Delight)

A 4-year-old, Sweet Lucy Lou is making her second appearance in the Breeders Crown and first in a final.

In 2018, at 2, she finished eighth in her elimination at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and failed to advance. This year, she was seventh in her elim, from which the top-eight finishers advanced to the final.

Her sire, Sweet Lou, won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2011.

Career wins for Sweet Lucy Lou include a leg of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes in 2019.

Robert Cleary, 37, trains Sweet Lucy Lou. He is making his Breeders Crown debut. A native of Ireland, Cleary decided to pursue his passion for racing in North America. He first went to Canada, where he worked for Tony O'Sullivan, before moving to the U.S. and starting his own stable three years ago. The majority of his horses are owned by Royal Wire Products, the owner of Sweet Lucy Lou. Cleary has won 129 races and \$2 million in purses lifetime.

Cleary knows his decision to come to North America was the right one."I grew up around horses, and that's all I really know. That's where I'm happiest," he says. "If you're going to do it, you might as well do it where there's more money," Cleary told the Meadows' Evan Pattack this summer.

Brian Sears, 52, drives Sweet Lucy Lou. He leads active drivers in wins in Breeders Crown finals, with 32, and is second in the history of the series. Sears trails only John Campbell (48). He won two Breeders Crown finals in 2019, with 3-year-old filly trotter Winndevie and international star Bold Eagle in the Open Trot. For his career, Sears has won more than 10,200 races and \$201 million in purses. He ranks 18th in North American history for wins among drivers and fifth in purses. Sears was the 2009 Driver of the Year. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2017.

Sweet Lucy Lou is owned by Royal Wire Products (Bill Peshina) Royal Wire has three Breeders Crown champion: the pair of two year of pacing fillies Calgary Hanover & Cam Swifty, and three-year-old colt trotter Fast Photo, all for trainer Don Swick.

She was bred by Lindwood Farm.

### TREACHEROUS REIGN (bay mare 4, Captaintreacherous – Paris Hanover – Camluck)

Owners: Alagna Racing LLC. (Tony Alagna) Big Als Stables (Allan Saul) owned 2002 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace winner Armbro Amoretto and co-owned 2011 Breeders Crown Mare Trot champion Frenchfrysnvinegar. Let It Ride Stables Inc. (Eric Cherry) and Parham co-owned 2016 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Pace champion Call Me Queen Be. Cherry also co-owned 2002 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot winner Pick Me Up via his Mentally Stable. Bottom Line Racing is Dana Parham.

Treacherous Reign raced in the lone Mare Pace elimination, finishing fourth behind the "Big Three" of Kissin In The Sand, Shartin N and Warrawee Ubeaut. A :26 flat last guarter kept her in play in the 1:49.4 mile.

This is Treacherous Reign's third appearance in the Crown.

In last year's sophomore Crown Filly Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park she was fifth in the final won by Warrawee Ubeaut . Treacherous Reign was fifth in her elimination and ninth in the final of the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace.

Like many in 2020, Treacherous Reign's 4-year-old debut was delayed until later June, when she won a Fillies & Mare Preferred at Woodbine Mohawk in 1:50.3. She repeated in the same class on August 8 in 1:50.1 but that was her last win so far this season as she made the transition to the top class of mare pacers.

Tony 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.

Ramona Hill was a Dan Patch Award winner.

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.

Captaintreacherous was Pacer of the Year in 2012 and 2013. "The Captain" became the first pacer to win that honor in consecutive years since Jenna's Beach Boy in 1995-96 and joined Niatross as the only horses to accomplish the feat at ages 2 and 3 since the award was first given in 1970.

This past August, Alagna watched Ramona Hill become the 15th filly trotter in history to beat the boys in the Hambletonian, the sport's premier race for 3-year-old trotters. In September, his Captain Barbossa won the Little Brown Jug for 3-year-old pacers. Alagna became the first trainer to win the Hambletonian and Little Brown Jug in the same year since Billy Haughton in 1974.

A native of Illinois, Alagna followed his mom, Donna Lee, into the sport. He had a pony at the age of 3, was reading up on pedigrees at 9, and solely responsible for his first horse at 10. Soon after graduating from high school, Alagna was assisting his mom with her stable.

He later worked for trainer Brian Pinske and, after getting a degree from Florida's Seminole College, as private trainer for Fox Valley Standardbreds in Illinois. He next spent six years as the top assistant to trainer Erv Miller, where he worked with Breeders Crown champions Lis Mara and Shark Gesture.

Alagna started his own stable in 2009 and has won more than 1,500 races and \$48 million in purses. In 2019, he finished second among all trainers in North America with a career-best \$5.99 million in purses. He is third in earnings this season, with nearly \$5 million.

David 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.

White Birch Farm is sixth in the history of the Breeders Crown for earnings by a breeder with over \$3.7 million. They have bred three Breeders Crown champions and collected six trophies.

### TRILLIONS HANOVER (Somebeachsomewhere – Tutu Hanover – Western Ideal)

A 4-year-old, Trillions Hanover is making her first appearance in the Breeders Crown.

Her sire, Somebeachsomewhere, won a Breeders Crown at age 3 in 2008 and was named Horse of the Year.

Career wins for Trillions Hanover include the Lady Maud in 2019 and an elimination of the Milton Pace this year, where she was driven by Bob McClure, her pilot tonight.

She finished second in this year's Roses Are Red Stakes and the 2019 Shady Daisy.

Trillion Hanover's three-quarter sister Lyons Sentinel was a Dan Patch Award winner at age 2 in 2019, and starts in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace against Party Girl Hill.

Tom Fanning, who turns 62 on Oct. 30, trains Trillions Hanover. Fanning has appeared in seven Breeders Crown finals. His best finish came with Frost Damage Blues, who was third in the 2016 Mare Pace. For his career, Fanning has won more than 1,200 races and nearly \$19 million purses.

Bob McClure, 30, drives Trillions Hanover. McClure, who made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018, is seeking his first trophy. He has won twice in eliminations, both in 2018. Last year, McClure won the Hambletonian Stakes with Forbidden Trade, who was named Canada's Horse of the Year. McClure, a three-time finalist for Driver of the Year in Canada, has won nearly 2,700 career races and \$22 million in purses. He led Canada in wins in 2017 and 2016. McClure received the 2019 Rising Star Award.

Trillions Hanover is owned by VIP Internet Stable, a pioneering fractional partnership concern, Falcon Racing, stable name of the trainer's spouse Moira Fanning, director of the publicity for the Breeders Crown and partner Paul Lang.

Trillions Hanover still needs a few more zeros before she's as rich as her name but she's performing well for some first time owners and providing a great service to the industry with no appearance fee! She was a mere \$20,000 yearling purchase at Harrisburg in 2017 by trainer and co-owner Tom Fanning, and has already banked \$351,741 for new and long-time owners.

"We've got several newer partners on her," Ed O'Connor, VIP Stable's founder and managing partner said in a SOA release last year. "We ended up getting several folks who are not our normal big hitters, and they have been ecstatic with her. She's been a fun horse all the way around and it's not often you get a horse that's first or second six out of seven times as a two-year-old, races huge as a three-year-old, puts in a good mile just about every single time. She's been really, really popular with our partnership group."

This year, she's tangled with her best contemporaries, winning two.

"It is the absolute best advertising we can possibly have. Seeing a fractional ownership group is involved in these big races really gives credibility to what we're doing," O'Connor said. "It shows that we're able to pick out good horses and put partners in a spot where they can have a lot of fun.

"And we really appreciate when it happens with a horse we bought as a yearling. There's been several horses who we've done really well with, but they've been high-dollar purchases, we kind of already knew they were really good," O'Connor continued. "In situations like that, you're kind of in a no-win situation; if you do well, you were supposed to do well, if you do bad, you look really bad. This is the opposite. Yearlings, you just never know and when they turn out to do pretty good, it's just really exciting."

### **WARRAWEE UBEAUT bay mare, 4, Sweet Lou – Great Memories – Apaches Fame)**

Warrawee Ubeaut, who won last year's Three-Year-Old Filly Breeders Crown race, raced evenly to finish third beaten just a length behind Kissin in the Sand and Shartin N in Saturday's lone Open Mare Pace elim. Those three fillies, along with Caviart Ally, have traded punches for the past two years.

Yannick Gingras drove for trainer Ron Burke, a lethal trainer-driver combination. Warrawee Ubeaut also won the 2018 2-Year-Old Filly Pace and was the Dan Patch Award winner for the division.

She has a chance to join only the legendary Jenna's Beach Boy as the only pacer to win Breeders Crown at age two, three and four.

Ron 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. Among 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.

Burke also is in the process of leading all trainers in purses for the 12th straight season. His \$247 million in lifetime earnings top all trainers in history. He has surpassed \$20 million each of the past seven years, including a record \$28.4 million in 2014. He is the only trainer in history to reach \$20 million in a season.

He was named Trainer of the Year in 2011, 2013, and 2018. In addition to Burke's success as a trainer, Burke Racing was named Owner of the Year (with partners Mark Weaver and Mike Bruscemi) in 2013 and 2018.

Yannick 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.

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.

He was voted Driver of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2017 and 2014. For his career, Gingras has won more than 7,500 races.

Warrawee Farm of Rockwood, Ont bred the daughter of the speedy Sweet Lou. She sold for \$70,000 at the Lexington Select Yearling sale.

Her ownership was revamped a month ago, when the Weaver-Bruscemi was bought out by Michelle and Al Crawford, joining Burke Racing Stable LLC., Phillip Collura & J&T Silva- Purnel & Libby.

Michelle Crawford told Trot Insider that their farm and breeding operation is very excited to be bringing a mare of Warrawee Ubeaut's calibre into the fold.

"We are very excited to have Warrawee Ubeaut enter the breeding shed at Crawford Farms," Crawford stated. "We bought 50 per cent of the world's fastest two-year-old pacing filly, the most prestigious pedigreed superstar the sport has seen in quite some time. We will be bringing her to the farm after the Breeders Crown and will be giving her some time off and begin getting her ready for the 2021 racing and breeding season."

Warrawee Ubeaut etched her name into the world record book in the fall of 2018, when as a rookie she paced in 1:48.3 over Lexington's Red Mile, a mark that still stands. Since then she has captured multiple high-end stakes and accolades, including the Breeders Crown and Dan Patch Award. She's banked over \$1.7 million.

Warrawee Ubeaut was the first Breeders Crown champion for Rockwood, Ontario's Warrawee Farm. Their best finish prior to her victory in last year's 2-Year-Old Filly Pace was a pair of seconds with Mister Herbie in the 2012 Open Trot and the 2013 Open Trot.