

CONWAY KELLYANNE (Conway Hall – Pacific Centerfold – S J’s Photo)

A 4-year-old, Conway Kellyanne is making her second appearance in the Breeders Crown and her first appearance in a final. In 2018, at the age of 2, she finished fifth in her elimination and failed to advance.

Career wins for Conway Kellyanne include three legs of the New York Sire Stakes for 2-year-old filly trotters in 2018.

She finished second in divisions of the Bluegrass and International Stallion stakes in 2018.

Daryl Bontrager, 31, trains Conway Kellyanne. He is appearing in his first Breeders Crown. Bontrager is in his sixth year as a trainer and driver. He started with trottingbred race ponies and eventually moved to Standardbreds, beginning in the claiming ranks. He has 56 training wins and \$389,984 in purses. He has 10 wins as a driver. Bontrager took time off in 2019 to spend time at home with his two young children.

Yannick Gingras, 41, drives Conway Kellyanne. Gingras 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. Gingras led the sport in purses for four consecutive years, 2014-17, before finishing second in 2018 and 2019. He has finished no worse than second in each of the past eight seasons. His \$189 million in career purses rank No. 7 in history. He was Driver of the Year in 2017 and 2014. For his career, Gingras has won more than 7,500 races.

Conway Kellyanne is owned by W R L Stables.

She was bred by Dr. Patricia Hogan and Edward Lohmeyer.

“I don’t know if (being in the Breeders Crown) is more excitement or more nerves,” trainer Daryl Bontrager said with a laugh. “This is a very tough field. We’ve tried to do everything we possibly can to make sure (Conway Kellyanne) feels good, that she’s good and healthy, and she’s sound. We’re just trying to make sure we’ve got all our ducks in a row and hopefully she’s good. The thing I like most about her is her desire to race. Sometimes, there’s too much of that and she’s a little aggressive and won’t let you drive her the way you want. But she has a desire to race, and she has heart. She’s had a ton of bad luck, but she’s a fast horse and she’s got ability.”

FELICITYSHAGWELL S (Maharajah – Diaz Boko – Cantab Hall)

A 5-year-old from Sweden, Felicityshagwell S is in her first season racing in North America.

Felicityshagwell S got her first U.S. win on Oct. 4 in an open handicap at the Red Mile. In Sweden, her victories included a Group 2 stakes event at age 2.

She finished second in the Armbro Flight and Joie De Vie stakes.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, trains Felicityshagwell S. Svanstedt is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He has finished second on five 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. In 2019, he was second with Six Pack in the Open Trot. Svanstedt moved to the U.S. from Sweden in 2014. Since arriving in the U.S., he has trained more than 650 winners and earned nearly \$28 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 400 wins and \$19 million in purses. Svanstedt was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, he was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

Andy Miller, 52, drives Felicityshagwell S. Miller has won five Breeders Crown trophies in his career. He got his first win in 2004 with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover, who was trained by his brother, Erv. It also was Erv's first victory in the Breeders Crown. In 2009, Miller teamed with his wife, trainer Julie Miller, to win a Breeders Crown with Lucky Jim in the Open Trot at the Meadowlands. For his career, Miller has won more than 9,600 races, ranking 20th in North American history, and earned more than \$130 million in purses, ranking 12th in history.

Felicityshagwell S is owned by Knutsson Trotting Inc.

She was bred by Manken AB and Verrazzano AB.

GRAND SWAN (Swan For All – Queen Mum – Giant Hit)

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

Career wins for Grand Swan include a leg of the Graduate Series in 2020, the Star Destroyer Stakes and divisions of the Pegasus and Circle City stakes in 2019, and Indiana Sire Stakes championships in 2019 and 2020.

She was second in the 2019 Moni Maker Stakes.

LeWayne Miller, 33, trains and drives Grand Swan. Miller is making his second appearance in a Breeders Crown. He drove 2-year-old male trotter Pine Credit in an elimination in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack. Pine Credit was trained by Erv Miller (no relation). LeWayne Miller worked for Erv Miller beginning in 2009. LeWayne Miller's first full season with his own stable was in 2016. As a driver, he has won nearly 1,200 races and \$15 million in purses. As a trainer, he has nearly 200 victories and \$3 million in purses.

Grand Swan is owned by Never 2 Late Stable, Grand Swan Racing, Bruce Soulsby, and Alan Weisenberg.

She was bred by Larry Miller Jr.

"I don't know if she can beat them all, but I think she's got a shot to make some money," LeWayne Miller said. "Her year was a little disappointing, but she's kind of bounced back here late in the year. Early in the year, she tailed off a little bit, but here lately she seems like she's coming back to herself. She's a very nice mare to be around. She nice to drive, you can do anything with her."

MANCHEGO (Muscle Hill – Secret Magic – Cantab Hall)

A 5-year-old, Manchego is making her fourth appearance in the Breeders Crown. In 2017, she won the trophy for 2-year-old filly trotters at Harrah's Hoosier Park, capping a 12-for-12 season and becoming the first undefeated 2-year-old filly trotter in Breeders Crown history. In 2019, she won the Breeders Crown Mare Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park. At 3, she finished seventh in the 3-year-old filly final at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Only three trotters in history have won three or more Breeders Crown trophies. Female trotter Peace Corps holds the record with four. Grades Singing, another female, won three as did male trotter Mack Lobell.

Muscle Hill, Manchego's sire, won Breeders Crown trophies at ages 2 and 3. He was the 2009 Horse of the Year.

Manchego received the 2017 Dan Patch Award for best 2-year-old filly trotter.

Career wins for Manchego also include the Spirit of Massachusetts in 2020, the Dr. John Steele Memorial, Dayton Trotting Derby, and Allerage Farms Mare Trot in 2019, the Hambletonian Oaks and Moni Maker Stakes in 2018, and Jim Doherty Memorial and Peaceful Way Stakes in 2017.

Manchego won last year's Allerage Mare Trot at the Red Mile in 1:49 to become the fastest female trotter in history. Earlier this year, she became the fastest female trotter ever on a five-eighths-mile oval, winning the Spirit of Massachusetts in 1:49.3 at Plainridge Park. By virtue of that performance, she became the first female trotter in history to have sub-1:50 victories in multiple years.

Last Saturday, Manchego finished second to Gimpanzee, a stallion with two Breeders Crown titles to his credit, in an invitational at Harrah's Hoosier Park. She was sixth for most of the mile before closing with a :25.1 last quarter. (Note, the fastest last quarter by a trotter in Breeders Crown history is :26, shared by Greenhoe and Chin Chin Hall in 2019.)

Nancy Takter, 39, trains Manchego. Takter 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. Takter was the 2014 Rising Star Award winner.

Dexter Dunn, 31, drives Manchego. Dunn made his Breeders Crown finals debut in 2019 and came away with two trophies, with Manchego in the Mare Trot and Amigo Volo in the event for 2-year-old male trotters. Dunn was the 2019 Driver of the Year in his first full season of racing in North America after leaving his native New Zealand. Dunn led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. This year, he leads all drivers in North America in purses with \$8 million.

Manchego is owned by Black Horse Racing. She was bred by Brittany Farms.

"I was really happy with (her performance in the invitational last Saturday)," trainer Nancy Takter said. "I made some changes on her just to keep her a little quieter. I changed her bit and put an ear hood on her, just so she could maybe be taken off the gate a little bit more and not go so hard the first three-eighths of a mile. She trotted really good. I changed her shoes up a little bit too. I think she'll be in good form this week. She needed that mile. I'm happy Hoosier wrote an invite trot for those horses."

PAT MATTERS (Explosive Matter – Dibrizzi – Malabar Man)

A 5-year-old, Pat Matters is making her first appearance in the Breeders Crown.

Career wins for Pat Matters include a division of the Circle City Stakes in 2018 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

In 2018, she finished second in the Kentucky Sire Stakes championship, a division of the Bluegrass Stakes, and an elimination of the Kentucky Filly Futurity.

On July 4 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, Pat Matters won a conditioned race in 1:51.4, the season's second-fastest mile by a trotting mare on a five-eighths track.

Richard "Nifty" Norman, 60, trains Pat Matters. Norman has won four Breeders Crown trophies, with the most recent coming in 2019 with 2-year-old male trotter Amigo Volo. Earlier this month, Amigo Volo won the Kentucky Futurity. Norman got his first trophy with 2-year-old filly 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. Bee A Magician was Horse of the Year in 2013. She was 17-for-17 and earned \$1.54 million. Her earnings were a record for a 3-year-old filly trotter. For his career, Norman has won more than 1,300 races and \$39 million in purses.

Andy McCarthy, 33, drives Pat Matters. In 2019, McCarthy 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. 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. For his career, he has won \$51 million in purses and more than 2,500 races.

Pat Matters is owned by Patricia Stable.

She was bred by Patricia Stable.

"She's been a nice mare," trainer Nifty Norman said. "We're probably in over our heads a bit, but that's why you own horses, to take a shot. We put her on Lasix a couple of weeks ago and she was dynamite in her last start (winning in 1:52.3 at Harrah's Philadelphia). I think it really helped her. I wouldn't be surprised if she gets a prize. She got a good draw (post three), maybe she'll get a good trip in there."

PLUNGE BLUE CHIP (Muscle Mass – Dunk The Donato – Donato Hanover)

A 5-year-old, Plunge Blue Chip is making her third appearance in the Breeders Crown. She finished third at age 3 in 2018 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and finished third in 2019 in the Mare Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Career wins for Plunge Blue Chip include the Joie De Vie Stakes in 2020, the Miss Versatility Series final in 2020 and 2019, the Hudson Trot, New York Sire Stakes championship, and a division of the Del Miller Memorial in 2018, and the Goldsmith Maid in 2017.

Plunge Blue Chip won this year's Miss Versatility Series final in 1:51.3 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Ohio, the fastest race mile ever by a trotter on a half-mile track.

She twice won in 1:49.4 as a 3-year-old in 2018. The time remains the world record for a 3-year-old filly trotter.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, trains and drives Plunge Blue Chip. Svanstedt is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He has finished second on five 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. In 2019, he was second with Six Pack in the Open Trot. Svanstedt moved to the U.S. from Sweden in 2014. Since arriving in the U.S., he has trained more than 650 winners and earned nearly \$28 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 400 wins and \$19 million in purses. Svanstedt was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, he was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

Plunge Blue Chip is owned by Ake Svanstedt Inc., Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc., and Tomas Andersson.

She was bred by Blue Chip Bloodstock.

"She's had a long break," trainer Ake Svanstedt said. "She raced good in Delaware, and then there hasn't been any races for her. But she trained good and everything is normal with her. I hope she can do a good race. She's not a horse that needs to race to be good. I think it's better for her when it's a long time between the races."

WESLYNN QUEST (Manofmanymissions – Weslynn Legacy – Windsong’s Legacy)

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

Her sire, Manofmanymissions, won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2010.

Career wins for Weslynn Quest include the 2020 Ohio Sire Stakes championship for trotting mares. She was second in the 2019 Ohio Sire Stakes championship for 3-year-old filly trotter and a division of the 2019 Circle City at Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

Chris Beaver, 48, trains Weslynn Quest. Beaver is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He has finished second twice, with 3-year-old male trotter Triumphant Caviar in 2009 and with 2-year-old male trotter Moonshiner Hanover in 2016. Beaver has won more than 1,100 races and \$23 million in purses lifetime.

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.

Weslynn Quest is owned by Derek Ivany.

She was bred by 1788938 Ontario Ltd.

“I think she’s racing good right now,” trainer Chris Beaver said. “She’s in against a lot stiffer competition than she’s been racing against lately, but at least she’s coming in pretty sharp. Her year has been pretty much what I thought it would be. I thought she would come back pretty decent at 4. She hasn’t been able yet to step up and race right with the top ones, but she’s making a decent living. She’s pretty consistent and she tries hard.”

WHEN DOVESCRY (Muscle Hill – Cedar Dove – Andover Hall)

A 4-year-old, When Dovescry is making her third appearance in the Breeders Crown. In 2018, she finished second in the final for 2-year-old filly trotters at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. In 2019, she was second in the final for 3-year-old filly trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Her sire, Muscle Hill, won Breeders Crown trophies at ages 2 and 3. He was the 2009 Horse of the Year. Her dam, Cedar Dove, won a Breeders Crown in 2011 and received the Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old filly trotter.

When Dovescry received the 2019 Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old filly trotter.

Career wins for When Dovescry include the Dr. John Steele Memorial in 2020, the Hambletonian Oaks and Matron Stakes in 2019, and the Matron Stakes in 2018.

Brett Pelling, 61, trains When Dovescry. Pelling 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. Pelling was Trainer of the Year in 1998. He has won more than 1,600 races in his career and \$56 million in purses. His purse earnings rank in the top 10 in history.

David Miller, 55, drives When Dovescry. Miller 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, at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Miller got career driving win 13,000 in August. He ranks No. 2 among all drivers in history in purses, with \$247 million, and is No. 5 in wins. Miller was Driver of the Year in 2016, 2015 and 2003. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2014.

When Dovescry is owned by Yves Sarrazin, Dumain Haven Farm, Singh & Soulsby, and John Lengacher.

She was bred by William Weaver III.

"She's a beautiful mare, beautiful to be around," trainer Brett Pelling said earlier this season. "She's kind; manners are fantastic. Just trots great."