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OPEN PACE RECORDS

Stakes Record	1:47	<i>WON THE WEST</i> (2009 The Meadowlands)
Fastest first quarter clocking	:25.1	Mini Me (2003 Woodbine Racetrack)
Fastest first half clocking	:52.1	Royal Mattjesty (2004 The Meadowlands)
Fastest three-quarter clocking	1:19.3	Royal Mattjesty (2004 The Meadowlands)
Fastest last half by winner	:53.2	Goliath Bayama (2001 The Meadowlands) Thinking Out Loud (2014 The Meadowlands)
Fastest last quarter by winner	:25.3	Won The West (2009 The Meadowlands)
Record purse	US \$552,500 Cdn \$729,730	Boulder Creek (2004 The Meadowlands) Art Major (2003 Woodbine Racetrack)
Leading Driver	5	Mike Lachance (1985, 1989, 1991, 1997, 2000)
Leading Trainer	4	Bob McIntosh (1991, 1992, 1993, 2014)
Highest Win Price	\$140.60	Bay's Fella (1990 Pompano Park)
Lowest Win Price	\$2.30	Artsplace (1992 Mohawk Raceway)
Highest Exacta Price	\$427.80	Bay's Fella & Topnotcher (1990 Pompano Park)
Lowest Exacta Price	\$4.60	Jenna's Beach Boy & Stand Forever (1996 The Meadowlands)
Biggest Margin of Victory	5 1/2 lengths	Always B Miki over JK Endofanera (2015 Woodbine Racetrack)
Smallest Margin of Victory	Head	Goliath Bayama over Camotion (2001 The Meadowlands) Staying Together over Bilateral (1993 Mohawk Raceway) Bettor Sweet over Foiled Again (2011 Woodbine Racetrack) Thinking Out Loud over Sweet Lou (2014 The Meadowlands)

BREEDERS CROWN OPEN PACE CHAMPIONS 1985-2018

Year	Champion	Sire	Breeders	Owners	Trainer	Driver	Time	Purse	Host Track
2018	McWicked b.h. 7 ♦♦♦	McArdle	Andray Farm	S S G Stable	Casie Coleman	Brian Sears	1:49.3f	\$430,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2017	Split The House b.g. 5	Rocknroll Hanover	Fair Winds Farm	Crawford Farms Racing	Chris Oakes	Brett Miller	1:48.1	\$421,000	Hoosier Park
2016	Always B Miki b.h. 5 ♦♦♦	Always A Virgin	Roll The Dice Stable	Bluewood Stable, Roll The Dice Stable & C Takter	Jimmy Takter	David Miller	1:49	\$421,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2015	Always B Miki b.h. 4	Always A Virgin	Roll The Dice Stable	Bluewood Stable, Roll The Dice Stable & C Takter	Jimmy Takter	David Miller	1:49.3	\$400,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2014	Thinking Out Loud br.h. 5	Ponder	Robert McIntosh Stables	Bob Mctsh Stbs, CSX Stables, Al Mctsh Holdngs	Robert McIntosh	John Campbell	1:48.3	\$400,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2013	Foiled Again b.g. 9 ♦	Dragon Again	Barbara L Matthews	Burke Racing Stb, JJK Stb & Weaver-Bruscemi	Ron Burke	Yannick Gingras	1:49.2f	\$500,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2012	Bettor Sweet b.g. 7	Bettors Delight	Uptown Stable	John Cancelliere	Tom Cancelliere	David Miller	1:49.1s	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2011	Bettor Sweet b.g. 6	Bettors Delight	Uptown Stable	John Cancelliere	Tom Cancelliere	John Campbell	1:48.4s	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2010	Won The West b.g. 6 ♦	Western Hanover	Fair Winds Farm	Strollin Stb, Robinson & Koehler	Ron Burke	Jim Morrill Jr.	1:49.3f	\$500,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2009	Won The West b.g. 5 ♦	Western Hanover	Fair Winds Farm	Strollin Stb, Robinson & Koehler	Ron Burke	Jim Morrill Jr.	1:47	\$500,000	The Meadowlands
2008	Mister Big b.h. 5 ♦	Grinfromeartoear	Kentuckiana Farms Gen Partnership	Joseph Muscara	Virgil Morgan Jr.	Brian Sears	1:50s	\$500,000	Mohawk Racetrack
2007	Artistic Fella b.h. 4	Pacific Fella	Everything Goes II	Joe Alborano	Steve Elliott	Tim Tetrick	1:49.2s	\$500,000	Mohawk Racetrack
2006	Lis Mara b.h. 4 ♦	Cambest	Timothy Rooney	MJG Racing Stables & Louis Willinger	Ervin Miller	Brian Sears	1:47.3	\$500,000	The Meadowlands
2005	Boulder Creek br.g. 5 ♦	Pacific Rocket	Bird, Bird, & Hayes	Cliff Siegel, Lee Wasserman & John Fodera	Mark Silva	Brian Sears	1:49.1s	\$590,000	Mohawk Racetrack
2004	Boulder Creek br.g. 4	Pacific Rocket	Bird, Bird, & Hayes	Cliff Siegel, Lee Wasserman & John Fodera	Mark Silva	Ron Pierce	1:48.1	\$652,500	The Meadowlands
2003	Art Major b.h. 4 ♦	Artsplace	Brittany Farms	Blue Chip, Simpson and Art Major Stable (lessee)	Bill Robinson	John Campbell	1:49.4s	\$550,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2002	Real Desire b.h. 4 ♦♦♦	Life Sign	Fair Island Farm	Brittany, Burgess & Perretti	Blair Burgess	John Campbell	1:48.3	\$550,000	The Meadowlands
2001	Goliath Bayama b.h. 5	Abercrombie	Bayama Farms	Ecuries N D G	Yves Filion	Sylvain Filion	1:48.4	\$500,000	The Meadowlands
2000	Western Ideal b.h. 5 ♦	Western Hanover	Brittany Farms	Brittany Farms	Brett Pelling	Mike Lachance	1:48	\$440,000	The Meadowlands
1999	Red Bow Tie b.g. 5 ♦	Raging Glory	Dana Irving	Siegel, Scharf, d'Elegance & TLP Stables	Monte Gelrod	Luc Ouellette	1:50	\$380,000	The Meadowlands
1998	Red Bow Tie b.g. 4 ♦♦	Raging Glory	Dana Irving	Siegel, Scharf, d'Elegance & TLP Stables	Monte Gelrod	Luc Ouellette	1:50.1	\$340,000	The Meadowlands
1997	Armbro Operative b.h. 4	Cam Fella	Armstrong Bros.	David McDuffee & Tom Walsh	Brett Pelling	Mike Lachance	1:50.3	\$300,000	The Meadowlands
1996	Jenna's Beach Boy, b.h. 4 ♦♦	Beach Towel	L & L DeVisser Partnership	L & L DeVisser Partnership	Joe Holloway	Bill Fahy	1:48.4	\$300,000	The Meadowlands
1995	That'll Be Me b.h. 4	On The Road Again	K. D. Owen	Robert Young	Robert Young	Roger Mayotte	1:52.4h	\$300,000	Northfield Park
1994	Village Jiffy b.h. 4	Cam Fella	Wellwood & Talk of the Town	Wellwood, Armstrong, AFJ & Brunner	Bill Wellwood	Paul MacDonell	1:52.2h	\$334,000	Freehold Raceway
1993	Staying Together br.g. 4 ♦♦♦	Panorama	Kentuckiana Farms	Robert Hamather	Bob McIntosh	Bill O'Donnell	1:51.1f	\$300,000	Mohawk Raceway
1992	Artsplace b.h. 4 ♦♦♦	Abercrombie	Segal & Monieson	George Segal & Brian Monieson	Bob McIntosh	John Campbell	1:52f	\$300,000	Mohawk Raceway
1991	Camluck b.h. 4.	Cam Fella	JEF's Stbd & Prince Lee Acres	New Destiny & Al McIntosh	Bob McIntosh	Mike Lachance	1:52.1f	\$463,000	The Meadows
1990	Bay's Fella b.h. 5	Brand New Fella	Louis Picciano Jr.	Par-Birdie Stable	Mike DeMenno	Paul MacDonell	1:52.1f	\$273,458	Pompano Harness
1989	Matt's Scooter b.h. 4 ♦♦♦	Direct Scooter	Max Gerson	Gordon & Ila Rumpel & Charles Juravinski	Harry Poulton	Mike Lachance	1:53.2h	\$278,238	Freehold Raceway
1988	Call For Rain br. 4 ♦	Storm Damage	Joyce A. McClelland	Barbara & Clint Galbraith	Clint Galbraith	Clint Galbraith	1:53.2f	\$316,256	Scioto Downs
1987	Armbro Emerson, b.h. 4 ♦	Abercrombie	Armstrong Bros.	Ed Weisz & Light/Heavyweight Stable	Brian Burton	Walter Whelan	1:54.1h	\$359,794	Roosevelt Raceway
1986	Forrest Skipper b.h. 4 ♦♦♦	Scarlet Skipper	Elwyn Leary	Forrest Bartlett	Lucien Fontaine	Lucien Fontaine	1:53.4f	\$301,350	Los Alamitos
1985	Division Street b.g. 4	Most Happy Fella	U. C. Steele	Denim, Lachance, M.E.K. & KLR Stables	Vinnie Aurigemma	Mike Lachance	1:52.3f	\$309,553	Freestate Raceway



ROAD TO THE 2019 BREEDERS CROWN

\$500,000 BREEDERS CROWN OPEN PACE

Open to 3-Year-Old & Older Eligibles in 2019
 Saturday, October 26 – Woodbine Mohawk Park,
 Campbellville, Ontario

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Race Track</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 19	Preferred	Woodbine Mohawk	DORSODURO HANOVER	1:49.4
October 12	Dan Rooney Invitational	Yonkers Raceway	MCWICKED	1:51.1
October 5	Allerage Farms	The Red Mile	MCWICKED	1:47.2
September 28	Dayton Derby	Hollywood Dayton	JIMMY FREIGHT	1:48.3
September 20	Hoosier Park Pacing Derby	Hoosier Park	THIS IS THE PLAN	1:48.4
September 16	Bobby Quillen Memorial	Harrington Raceway	AMERICAN HISTORY	1:49.3
September 9	Great Northeast Series (1 ¼ miles)	Mohegan Sun Pocono	NONE BETTOR A	2:20.1
September 7	Jim Ewart Memorial	Scioto Downs	MCWICKED	1:49.0
August 31	Canadian Pacing Derby Final	Woodbine Mohawk	COURTLY CHOICE	1:48.4
August 18	Prix D'Ete	Hippodrome 3R	THIS IS THE PLAN	1:49.1
August 18	Roll With Joe	Tioga Downs	MCWICKED	1:48.3
August 9	Dan Patch	Hoosier Park	LATHER UP	1:47.2
August 3	Sam McKee Mem (1 1/8 miles)	Meadowlands	LATHER UP	1:59.2
July 27	Golden Receiver	Meadowlands	HIGHALATOR	1:48.0
July 20	Joe Gerrity Jr Memorial	Saratoga Harness	MCWICKED	1:50.4
July 13	W Haughton Mem (1 1/8 miles)	Meadowlands	LATHER UP	2:01.1
July 6	Graduate Series Final	Meadowlands	LATHER UP	1:46.0
June 29	Ben Franklin Final	Mohegan Sun Pocono	THIS IS THE PLAN	1:48.2
June 28	Graduate Series	Meadowlands	THE DOWNTOWN BUS	1:48.0
June 28	Graduate Series	Meadowlands	ALWAYS A PRINCE	1:47.3
June 22	Ben Franklin Elim	Mohegan Sun Pocono	WESTERN FAME	1:48.1
June 22	Ben Franklin Elim	Mohegan Sun Pocono	LATHER UP	1:50.1
June 15	Mohawk Gold Cup	Woodbine Mohawk	JIMMY FREIGHT	1:48.1
June 8	Battle of Lake Erie	Northfield Park	NONE BETTOR A	1:49.0
June 1	Graduate Series	Woodbine Mohawk	LATHER UP	1:50.1
May 26	The Commodore Barry Inv	Harrah's Philadelphia	COURTLY CHOICE	1:49.1
May 4	Graduate Series (1 1/8 miles)	Meadowlands	LATHER UP	2:02.4
May 4	Graduate Series (1 1/8 miles)	Meadowlands	COURTLY CHOICE	2:01.4
April 20	George Levy	Yonkers Raceway	WESTERN FAME	1:50.4

All caps mean eligible to the Crown.

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

ALWAYS A PRINCE

(bay gelding, 4, by Always A Virgin – Glorious Princess – The Panderosa)

Owner: Carl & Melanie Atley, Xenia, Ohio
Trainer: Tyler George
Driver: Dave Miller
Breeder: Emerald Highlands Farm, Mount Vernon, Ohio

As a four-year-old, Always A Prince is completing a transition season in the older ranks. His campaign has included a 1:48.1 Open class win at Hoosier Park, a 1:47.3 mark at the Meadowlands in a division of the Graduate Series and recently went wire-to-wire at Hoosier Park in 1:48.4.

Always A Prince, a \$30,000 Buckeye Classic Yearling purchase, enters his first Breeders Crown off a second in the Open at Hoosier Park on October 12.

After going unraced as a two-year-old, Always A Prince erupted as a sophomore with 19 wins in 22 starts and banked \$492,875, while dominating the Indiana Sires Stakes scene. All but one of his victories came at Hoosier Park where the 2018 Indiana Pacer of the Year set track records. He overcame post ten in the second tier and a sloppy track to win the Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final in 1:51.2. Always A Prince also captured the \$155,000 Jenna's Beach Boy and \$190,000 Monument Circle at Hoosier Park.

Hall of Famer Dave Miller won this event back-to-back with Always B Miki in 2015 and 2016. He also won it in 2012 with Bettor Sweet and in 2010 with Won The West. "The Buckeye" is the sport's richest active driver at \$240 million and he set a Breeders Crown record winning five Crown trophies in 2015.

His sire Always A Virgin sent out back-to-back Breeders Crown Pace winner and 2016 Horse of the Year Always B Miki, who paced the fastest mile in history of 1:46. He also sired 2017 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace winner Beckham's Z Tam and 2015 Mare Pace winner Colors A Virgin.

Four year olds have won 18 of 35 editions, including Always B Miki in 2015.

Always A Prince will be looking for an upset. 1990 Breeders Crown Pace winner Bay's Fella held the record for the highest Crown payoff at \$140.60 for 18 years before Kadealia shocked at 75-1 in 2008.

Ohio-born trainer Tyler George, 33, is making his Breeders Crown debut. His stable has topped the \$1 million mark for the fourth straight season.

Driver: David Miller, 54, ranks second among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 23, and is No. 5 all time in the series. His most recent Crown came in 2017 with What The Hill in the final for 3-year-old male trotters. He had two second-place finishes in 2018, with 2-year-old male pacer Proof and 2-year-old filly pacer Zero Tolerance.

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.

Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses with \$240 million and is No. 5 in wins with more than 12,800. He is fifth in purses this year with more than \$7.3 million.

In 2016, Miller was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced the fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:46 at Lexington's Red Mile. In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors.

Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.

AMERICAN HISTORY

(bay horse, 4, by American Ideal – Perfect Touch – Camluck)

Owner: Brittany Farms, Versailles, Kentucky; Marvin Katz, Toronto, Ontario; American History Racing, Versailles, Kentucky [Alagna Racing, Joseph Barbera, Leah Cheverie, In The Gym Partners, Riverview Racing]

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Driver: Joe Bongiorno

Breeder: Brittany Farms, Versailles, Kentucky

American History is a four-year-old who has gradually developed through his transition season in the Open class in 2019. He comes into the Breeders Crown Pace off a seventh place finish from post eight in the Dan Rooney Invitational at Yonkers Raceway on October 12.

American History caught the winning habit in the second half of 2019 with back-to-back tallies in the 4YO Open at Yonkers Raceway in 1:50.1 and 1:50 in August.

On September 16, he rallied to a mild upset in the \$150,000 Bobby Quillen Memorial at Harrington Raceway in 1:49.3. Then, he equaled the all-age track record at Yonkers Raceway of 1:49.3 on September 28.

After only five starts as a freshman in 2017, American History blossomed as a sophomore in 2018, earning \$543,462. His eight wins in 19 starts included a mark of 1:47 at the Meadowlands, the Kentucky Sires Stakes Final in 1:48.1 and Tattersalls Pace in 1:48.3 at The Red Mile. He was also second in finals of the Adios and Empire Breeders Classic.

American History finished ninth in the 3YO Breeders Crown Colt Pace at Pocono Downs last year.

American History will be looking for an upset. 1990 Breeders Crown Pace winner Bay's Fella held the record for the highest Crown payoff at \$140.60 for 18 years before Kadealia shocked at 75-1 in 2008.

American History went through the 2016 Lexington-Selected Yearling Sale and sold for \$150,000. His sire American Ideal has sent out three Breeders Crown winners: Youaremycandygirl, American Jewel and Heston Blue Chip.

Brittany Farms bred two winners of this division, Art Major in 2003 and Western Ideal in 2000. They were also co-owners of 2002 winner Real Desire and sole owners of Western Ideal.

Trainer Tony Alagna, 47, is a three-time Breeders Crown winner. He got his most recent trophy in 2017 with Stay Hungry in the 2-year-old colt-and-gelding pace. Stay Hungry received the O'Brien Award as Canada's best 2-year-old male pacer.

Alagna got his first Crown with 3-year-old male pacer Captaintreacheraus in 2013 and added his second with 3-year-old male pacer Racing Hill in 2016.

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 Pinsky 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 nearly 1,400 races and \$41 million in purses in his career. He is fourth among trainers in North America in earnings this season, with more than \$4 million.

Captaintreacheraus 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.

Driver Joe Bongiorno, 26, is seeking his first win in a Breeders Crown final. He made his debut in the series in 2016 with three drives in the finals at the Meadowlands and finished sixth in 2017 with 2-year-old male trotter Dawson Springs.

Bongiorno has established a career high in 2019 with \$4.31 million in purses entering mid-October. He has won nearly 1,800 races lifetime and more than \$21 million in purses.

This year, Bongiorno won the Battle of Lake Erie with None Better A (trained by his sister Jennifer), the Bobby Quillen Memorial with American History, and the Camluck Classic with The Wall.

COURTLY CHOICE

(bay horse, 4, by Art Major – Lady Ashlee Ann – Camtastic)

Owner: Hutt Racing Stable, Malvern, PA (Joe & Joann Thompson); Mac And Heim Stable, Cambridge, Ontario (Steve Heimbecker & Blake MacIntosh); Danielle Plouffe, Bromont, Quebec; Touchstone Farms, Guelph, Ontario

Trainer: Blake MacIntosh

Driver: James MacDonald

Breeder: Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, Maryland

Courtly Choice is capping off his four-year-old transition season in the Open class. He is going into the Breeders Crown Pace off a sixth place finish in the Preferred Pace on Saturday Oct. 19 at Woodbine Mohawk Park in preparation for the Final.

Courtly Choice won his four-year-old debut in a division of the Graduate at the Meadowlands in 2:01.4 for a mile and one eighth. Next, he captured the \$100,000 Commodore Barry Invitational in 1:49.1 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

On August 8, Courtly Choice stormed home in :25.4 to a huge upset (\$71.30) in the Canadian Pacing Derby at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:48.4. "We were an underdog coming in," trainer Blake MacIntosh said after the race. "Everybody forgot about him because he hadn't been racing that great, but last week James [MacDonald] just took care of him and didn't rush him too hard and people were thinking he wasn't that good but he was really good last week. I just knew we finally had his blood where we wanted it and he looked like he's back to his old self. I'm just ecstatic about this."

Courtly Choice was one of the sport's star sophomore pacers in 2018, earning \$922,158. His 10 wins in 16 starts included the \$701,830 Meadowlands Pace in a career best of 1:47.1, the \$272,025 Empire Breeders Classic at Tioga Downs in 1:48.3 and the \$436,560 Little Brown Jug Final in 1:49.4.

Courtly Choice did not advance to the Breeders Crown 3YO Pace in 2018, finishing sixth in his elimination.

Courtly Choice is the 15th foal of his prolific dam Lady Ashlee Ann. She was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2013. Courtly Choice was a \$60,000 Lexington-Selected Yearling Sale purchase and counts 2011 3YO Breeders Crown champion Bettorthancheddar (\$1,634,314) among his siblings.

Courtly Choice has won 16 of 44 career starts and has lifetime earnings of \$1,417,700.

Courtly Choice's sire Art Major was a two-time Breeders Crown winner (2002 and 2003).

Trainer Blake MacIntosh looks for his first Breeders Crown. His stable passed the \$2 million mark for the first time this season.

James MacDonald
Born: 1/10/1986 – Birthplace: Prince Edward Island – Resides: Guelph, Ontario

James MacDonald, 33, has raced in two Breeders Crown finals, most recently finishing seventh with 3-year-old filly trotter Dewdle All Day in 2016.

MacDonald got career win 2,000 on May 13 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He has added nearly 100 victories since then. He has earned more than \$26 million in lifetime purses and is in his sixth consecutive year among the top 10 drivers in Canadian earnings.

In 2017, MacDonald represented Canada in the World Driving Championship. He won the championship, which was hosted in his home country. Earlier this year, he competed in Sweden to defend the title and finished ninth.

MacDonald's brothers Mark and Anthony also are successful drivers. Mark has won more than 6,000 career races and was Canada's Driver of the Year in 2005 and 2006 before relocated to the U.S. while Anthony has more than 3,000 victories.

DORSODURO HANOVER



3CP 2018

(bay gelding, 4, Somebeachsomewhere – Deer Valley Miss – Artsplace)

Owner: Burke Racing Stable, Fredericktown, PA (Sylvia Burke); J & T Silva-Purnel & Libby, Delray Beach, Florida (Michele Ann Langden, Jerry & Theresa Silva, Purnel Jones, Jr. & Elizabeth R. Jones); Weaver Brusceci, Canonsburg, PA (Mark Weaver & Michael Brusceci); Wingfield Five, Kenton, Ohio (Bradley, Charles, Kimberly, Robert & Thomas Wingfield)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Matt Kakaley

Breeders: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA

Dorsoduro Hanover is completing his four-year-old transition season in the Open ranks, and goes into the Breeders Crown off a win in the Preferred at Woodbine Mohawk Park on Oct 19 in 1:49.4 and a third in the Allerage Farms at The Red Mile on October 5.

Dorsoduro Hanover kicked off his 2019 season with a third in the Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs on May 19.

On July 20, Dorsoduro Hanover took a mark of 1:47.4 in an overnight event at the Meadowlands.

On September 14, Dorsoduro Hanover won the \$50,000 Robert J. Kane Memorial at Batavia Downs in 1:52.2.

Dorsoduro Hanover was voted a 2018 Dan Patch Award winner as a sophomore. He romped to a decisive Breeders Crown win in 1:49.4 over a sloppy track at Pocono Downs, giving his trainer Ron Burke a triple on that card. His other major victories came in the \$400,000 Adios Final at The Meadows and the \$253,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championship at Pocono Downs. He was also second in the \$436,560 Little Brown Jug Final, \$225,000 Tattersalls and \$190,000 Monument Circle.

Dorsoduro Hanover finished seventh in the 2017 Breeders Crown 2YO Pace at Hoosier Park, so this will be the third time he has been a Crown finalist.

With over 10,000 wins and \$230 million, Ron Burke is the leading trainer in horse racing history. The three-time Trainer of the Year won this division back-to-back in 2009 and 2010 with Won The West, who still holds the Breeders Crown all time record of 1:47 set at the Meadowlands in 2009. Burke also won it with Foiled Again in 2013 when his stable sent out a record 13 finalists. Foiled Again became the richest North American-based harness horse in history and the oldest pacer to win a Breeders Crown at age nine. Foiled Again competed in six Crown finals and never missed a check.

Team Burke sends out three entries in the Breeders Crown Pace.

Dorsoduro Hanover's sire Somebeachsomewhere was a 2008 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace champion. The great Somebeachsomewhere passed away in January of 2018 and his last foal came on July 12, 2019. He looks for a first siring credit in this division with four entries.

Dorsoduro Hanover is the 13th foal of his dam Deer Valley Miss. He was a \$100,000 yearling purchase from the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale at Harrisburg, PA.

Dorsoduro Hanover has earnings of \$1,496,852 with 16 wins in 51 career starts.

Matt Kakaley, 31, 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.

Earlier in 2018, Kakaley was sidelined for two months because of injuries suffered in a March racing accident at Yonkers. He required three surgeries, including one for a broken orbital bone and another for a fractured collarbone.

Kakaley set a career high with \$9.04 million in purses in 2017. He has won more than 4,600 races and \$74 million in purses lifetime. He was the youngest driver, at the time, to get to 1,000 wins (21) and 2,000 wins (23). He was second-youngest driver to 3,000 and 4,000 wins, trailing only Tim Tetrick.

In 2010, Kakaley was given the Rising Star Award by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

EASY LOVER HANOVER

(bay gelding, 6, by Somebeachsomewhere – Easy Go Go – Pro Bono Best)

Owner: Brad Grant, Milton, Ontario

Trainer: Ben Wallace

Driver: Doug McNair

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA

To say Easy Lover Hanover has "homefield advantage" is an understatement. The steady six-year-old has been a regular at Woodbine Mohawk Park and a star in the Preferred ranks for the past three seasons. He comes into the Breeders Crown with Preferred class wins in three of his last four starts.

Easy Lover Hanover unleashed one of his characteristic rallies from post nine in 1:48.4 on September 21. His latest tally came on the lead from post eight in 1:51.2 on October 21.

Easy Lover Hanover took his mark of 1:48.1 at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 2018

Easy Lover Hanover has earned \$975,369 and has 41 wins in 103 career starts. Even a fifth place finish sends him over \$1 million.

Easy Lover Hanover started his career in the Tony Alagna Stable and Ben Wallace took over his training duties at age three in February of 2016.

Owner Brad Grant made history at the recent Lexington-Selected Yearling Sale with a record purchase of \$1.1 million for a trotting colt named Maverick, a full brother to the Greenshoe. In 2018, Grant won three O'Brien Awards, co-owned the Hambletonian winner, the filly Atlanta, and took two legs of the Pacing Triple Crown with Stay Hungry. He was also voted into the Milton Sports Hall of Fame. His late father, Canadian Hall of Famer John Grant, owned 2000 Breeders Crown 2YO Pace champion Bettor's Delight, who has gone on to become the world's richest stallion with more than \$300 million in progeny earnings. Bettor's Delight sired back-to-back winner of this division, Bettor Sweet in 2011 and 2012.

Trainer Ben Wallace has bounced back from a devastating barn fire in early January of 2016 that virtually wiped out his stable. Wallace lost 17 horses and several were owned by Brad Grant.

"We just hoped he would develop into a useful racehorse," said Wallace. "His last six starts or so have suggested maybe there are good things to come with him. He's raced very well. I almost have to throw away the (seventh-place finish) in the Canadian Pacing Derby. He got himself in a bad spot. He was the last horse turning for home and he was beaten three lengths. He was as good as anybody through the lane. He's just a gorgeous horse. If you saw him now you'd think he was just starting the year. He's round, dappled, and his attitude is perfect. The work that we've put into him, and the work he's had to do to race, has certainly stuck to him, and it has not set him back one inch. That gives me the feeling that maybe down the road he could be a division one aged horse. If nothing changes, we will stake him up in that regard next February when you start looking at your summer races. He's a competitor. He wants to race. Those are the two criteria you need to make a horse and he has both of them."

Easy Lover Hanover's sire Somebeachsomewhere was a 2008 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace champion. The 2008 Horse of the Year passed away in January of 2018 and his last foal came on July 12, 2019. He looks for his first siring credit in this division with four finalists.

Doug McNair, 28, son of trainer Gregg McNair, won his first Breeders Crown in 2017 with Stay Hungry in the final for 2-year-old male pacers. He drove in one final in 2018, finishing third with 2-year-old filly pacer Prescient Beauty.

McNair received the 2017 O'Brien Award for Canada's Driver of the Year. McNair, who was a finalist for the honor in 2013, was the top driver on the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit. He led all drivers in Canada with \$5.92 million in purses and was third in wins with 318.

He was the regular driver of 2017 O'Brien Award winners Stay Hungry, Bettor's Up, and Sandbetweenurtoes, and drove Dr J Hanover to the fastest mile in Canadian history, 1:46.4 at Mohawk.

McNair started driving in 2008 and has won at least \$1 million in purses every year of his career. He was the youngest driver to earn \$1 million, at the age of 18, and in 2010 became, at the time, the youngest driver to 1,000 wins. He has won more than 3,300 races in his career and \$49 million in purses.

FILIBUSTER HANOVER

(bay gelding, 5, by Somebeachsomewhere – Fashion Ecstasy – Western Hanover)

Owner: Burke Racing Stable, Fredericktown, PA (Sylvia Burke); Joseph Di Scala, Jr., Somers, NY; J & T Silva Stables, Long Beach, NY (Michele Ann Langden, Jerry & Theresa Silva); Weaver Brusceci, Canonsburg, PA (Mark Weaver & Michael Brusceci)

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Chris Page

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA

Filibuster Hanover goes into the Breeders Crown off a second to McWicked in the \$186,000 Allerage Farms at The Red Mile on October 5.

Filibuster Hanover has one win in 17 starts as a five-year-old this season, a 1:48.4 clocking in an overnight event at The Meadowlands on July 27. He was a close second to McWicked after setting the pace in the \$170,000 Roll With Joe at Tioga Downs on August 18. He also finished third to stablemate This Is The Plan in the \$176,000 Hoosier Park Pacing Derby on September 26.

In 2018, Filibuster Hanover finished second to McWicked in the \$430,000 Breeders Crown Pace. That season he banked \$699,572 and took his mark of 1:48.3 winning the \$150,000 Commodore Barry Invitational at Harrah's Philadelphia. He also won the Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs.

In 2017, Filibuster Hanover captured the \$401,472 Little Brown Jug Final in 1:50, followed by a 1:48.4 win in a division of the Bluegrass at The Red Mile. He earned \$724,029 as a sophomore.

Trainer Ron Burke, 50, is tied for second with Bob McIntosh for the most trophies in Breeders Crown history with 16. Jimmy Takter is the all-time leader with 34.

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. He was the 2018 Proximity winner for retirement tour.

He is one of six trainers to win at least two Breeders Crown finals in multiple years, with Jimmy Takter, Bob McIntosh, Steve Elliott, Brett Pelling and Trond Smedshammer.

Burke took over the family's training stable from father Mickey, the 2006 Trainer of the Year, in late 2008 and pushed the operation's success to record-setting heights. He is in the process of leading all trainers in wins for the 11th consecutive year. He has won no fewer than 762 races a year since 2009 and topped 1,000 victories three times, with 1,090 in 2013, 1,093 in 2014, and 1,013 in 2018. He is the only trainer in history to win 1,000 times in a season.

Already the sport's all-time leader in training wins, Burke got career victory 10,000 on July 26 at the Meadowlands. Only one other trainer, Virgil Morgan Jr., has surpassed 6,400.

Burke also is in the process of leading all trainers in purses for the 11th straight season. His \$230 million in lifetime earnings leads all trainers in history. He has topped \$20 million each of the past six 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 Brusceci) in 2013 and 2018

Driver Chris Page, 35, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018. He finished fourth in the 3-year-old filly pace final with Baron Remy and fourth in the Open Pace with Rockin Ron.

Page set a career high with \$6.19 million in purses in 2018 and has earnings of more than \$5.5 million this year. He ranks among the top 10 in wins this season with 400 and is 12th in purses.

He has won nearly 5,000 races in his career and \$40 million. Page was the leading driver at Scioto Downs in 2017.

He got involved in harness racing by helping his uncles, who were hobby horsemen, at the county fairs in Ohio. He attended his first Little Brown Jug in 1993, won by Life Sign, which cemented his love of the sport.

GEEZ JOE

(bay gelding, 5, Roll With Joe – Beach Bretta – Western Ideal)

Owner: Bay Pond Racing Stable, Malvern, PA (Joe & Joann Thompson)

Trainer: Erv Miller

Driver: Dexter Dunn

Breeders: Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, Maryland

Geez Joe comes into the Breeders Crown Pace after a fifth place finish in the Preferred on Oct 19 and a 1:48.2 blowout win in an overnight event at the Meadowlands on October 12 which preceded a 1:47.4 career best mile in an Open at Hoosier Park on September 27.

Geez Joe won a Preferred Handicap at the Meadowlands in 1:50.2 back on January 19, then was sidelined until September. He won a Preferred at The Red Mile in 1:49 on September 14.

Geez Joe has progressed from competing mainly in condition races in Pennsylvania and was a 1:48.1 winner at the Meadowlands last season as a four-year-old. He career got going at age three on the New York Sires Stakes circuit in 2017 after making only five starts as a freshman in 2016.

Geez Joe's sire Roll With Joe was second by a nose to Bettorthanceddar in the 2011 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace. Roll With Joe sired the fastest three-year-old Breeders Crown winner in history, Racing Hill, who won the 2016 3YO Pace in 1:48 at the Meadowlands.

Geez Joe will be looking for an upset. 1990 Breeders Crown Pace winner Bay's Fella held the record for the highest Crown payoff at \$140.60 for 18 years before Kadealia shocked at 75-1 in 2008.

Without a doubt, the Erv Miller highlight in 2016 came winning a Breeders Crown at 17-1 with Someomensomewhere in the \$600,000 Two Year Old Filly Pace at the Meadowlands, giving his son Marcus Miller his first Crown trophy.

Erv Miller won the 2006 Breeders Crown Pace with Lis Mara in 1:47.3 at the Meadowlands. His other Crown trophies came with Manofmanymissions in 2010, Shark Gesture in 2006 and Restive Hanover in 2004. In 2005, he won the Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year Award from the United States Harness Writers Association and the Delvin Miller Trainer of the Year Award from the Grand Circuit.

Erv's son Marcus Miller, who has driven Geez Joe regularly, describes the horse as big and strong. "He's funny. When you first step on the track, you'd think he's going to be grabby but he's really laid back," Miller said. Miller feels we have yet to see the best Geez Joe has to offer. "He gave us hints all along," Miller explained. "Some big miles at age three - At four, a couple of wins from impossible spots at Batavia and Pocono. Then obviously, he caught everyone's eye in December at The Meadowlands."

Dexter Dunn, 30, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018, competing in one elimination. This is his first time in the finals.

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

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

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

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

He ranks third this year in purses among all drivers in North America with more than \$9 million.

JIMMY FREIGHT

(bay horse, 4, Sportswriter – Allamerican Summer – Western Ideal)

Owner: Adriano Sorella, Guelph, Ontario
Trainer: Richard Moreau
Driver: Scott Zeron
Breeders: Alan & Randell Eden, Iowa

Jimmy Freight comes into the Breeders Crown Pace with a "homefield advantage" and in top form after his second place finish in the Preferred on Oct 19. Polishing off his four-year-old transition season in the Open division, the gutsy 2018 O'Brien Award winner rallied to upset McWicked in the \$151,750 Dayton Derby in 1:48.3 on September 27. Then, a couple of weeks later, he set the pace before finishing a close third to that same rival in the \$250,000 Dan Rooney Invitational at Yonkers Raceway on October 12.

Jimmy Freight kicked off his 2019 campaign with a close second in the \$139,490 Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs on May 19 and was also runner up in the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie at Northfield Park on June 8. Back home on June 15, he reeled off an upset in the Mohawk Gold Cup in 1:48.1.

As a sophomore in 2018, Jimmy Freight won 11 of 21 starts and \$834,489. The star in Ontario Sires Stakes finished a close second in the \$400,000 Carl Milstein at Northfield Park, the \$500,000 Messenger Stakes at Yonkers Raceway and the \$260,000 Progress Pace at Dover Downs. He was also third by a nose in the \$193,750 Matron Stakes at Dover Downs.

His sire Sportswriter was close second in the 2009 Breeders Crown 2YO Pace in his O'Brien Award winning season and is looking for his first Crown siring credit. Jimmy Freight is by far his most successful offspring with 21 wins in 51 career starts (44 for 51 in the money) and earnings of \$1,450,910.

Richard Moreau, 54, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He finished second in 2015 with Sandbetweenurtoes in the Mare Pace. She was beaten by a nose by Color's A Virgin at Woodbine.

Moreau ranks No. 3 among trainers in harness racing history with more than 5,600 wins. He is 13th in purses with more than \$49 million.

He has been Canada's Trainer of the Year for an unprecedented six consecutive years, 2013-18. He leads all trainers in Canada in wins and purses in 2019, with more than 230 victories and \$3.7 million.

Moreau, whose father worked in finance and mother was a teacher, is a cousin of top driver Yannick Gingras and the Gingras family helped Moreau get started in harness racing as a groom in Montreal.

Last year, Moreau's top horse was Jimmy Freight, who received the O'Brien Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.

A six-figure purchase from Iowa as an undefeated colt by owner Adriano Sorella, Jimmy Freight has been a big money maker for Sorella and the Jimmy Freight team. Jimmy Freight also has a big following on social media, thanks to Sorella, with fans cheering him on from around the world. Sorella won the 2013 Little Brown Jug with Vegas Vacation and seeks his first Breeders Crown on home turf.

Scott Zeron, 30, 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.

In June 2019, Zeron won his first North America Cup with Captain Crunch at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

In August 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 Continental victory in 1996. She was named 2018 Trotter of the Year in Dan Patch Award voting.

In 2016, Zeron won the Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, Kentucky Futurity) with Marion Marauder, who was named Trotter of the Year. The then 27-year-old Zeron was the second-youngest driver to win the Hambletonian and youngest driver to win a harness racing Triple Crown, either trotting or pacing.

Zeron was born in Montreal and made a name for himself in Ontario, twice leading 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 from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

In 2016, Zeron set a career high with \$8.91 million in purses. He also won his first Meadowlands Racetrack driving title. In 2018, Zeron finished eighth in earnings among all drivers in North America with \$7.82 million in purses.

For his career, Zeron has won more than 3,600 races and \$72 million in purses.



MCWICKED

(bay horse, 8, Mcardle – Western Sahara – Western Ideal)

Owner: S S G Stables, North Boston, NY [Edward James]

Trainer: Casie Coleman

Driver: Brian Sears

Breeders: Andray Farm, Punxsutawney, PA

McWicked is the defending Horse of the Year in both the US and Canada. He is also currently the second leading money winning pacer in 2019 with \$990,198 behind Bettor's Wish. McWicked led the sport in earnings last year with \$1.66 million. He became the first horse older than the age of five to top the money standings since the seven-year-old trotter Savoir in 1975. McWicked also became the oldest male pace ever to win a Dan Patch award at age two or three and capture another trophy as an older horse. His first honor came at age three in 2014.

McWicked is making his fifth Breeders Crown appearance. In 2018, he became the 28th horse in 35 years to parlay a Crown victory into a Horse of the Year trophy. McWicked looks to become only the sixth horse to capture three Crowns.

McWicked capped a career best season winning the 2018 Breeders Crown Pace in 1:49.3 at Pocono Downs, giving his Hall of Fame driver Brian Sears a triple on that card. He finished second to Split The House in 2017 in a track record of 1:48.1 at Hoosier Park, eighth at Woodbine in 2015, and won his first Breeders Crown in 2014 as a three-year-old in 1:49 at the Meadowlands.

In 2013, Foiled Again held on by a nose to become the richest North American-based harness horse of all time and the oldest pacer to win a Breeders Crown at age nine. Foiled Again was a six-time Breeders Crown finalist and never missed a check. The trotter Arch Madness made the most Breeders Crown starts with seven and he also never missed a check.

McWicked's mark of 1:46.2 taken in 2018 is the second fastest race mile in history. In 2019, McWicked moved into second in all time earnings behind Foiled Again (\$7,635,588) with \$5,039,893.

2019 has been an up and down season for McWicked, who started his campaign with three key losses. He was third in the Mohawk Gold Cup, a close second in the Ben Franklin Final and a fourth in the William Haughton Memorial. He won the Joe Gerrity, Jr. Memorial at Saratoga in 1:50.4, then finished third in the Sam McKee Memorial and second in the Dan Patch Stakes.

McWicked got back in the winner's circle in the Roll With Joe at Tioga Downs in 1:48.3 before a sixth in the Canadian Pacing Derby. He rebounded again with a 1:49 win in the Jim Ewart Memorial at Scioto Downs. Two more losses followed with a sixth in the Hoosier Park Pacing Derby and a second in the Dayton Derby.

Once again, McWicked regained his winning form with a sizzling 1:47.2 romp in the Allerage Farms at The Red Mile and took the Dan Rooney Invitational for the second straight year in 1:51.1 at Yonkers Raceway on October 12. The latter was his 40th win in 108 career starts. McWicked rejoined the top 10 in the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll following that victory.

"I was pretty pleased with where I got away and the fact that I could come first-up," remarked driver Brian Sears. "I did have to come first-up a little earlier than I like, but he battled tough and held on right to the wire. I can't say enough about the horse and the way he shows up and races every week. He's battled some foot issues all summer but always puts out a good effort. I'm just proud of the horse. He's given me so many opportunities to be in big races, and he's won so many. He's just a thrill to drive."

Casie Coleman, 39, has won five Breeders Crown finals. In 2018, she won the Open Pace with 7-year-old McWicked, who went on to be named Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.

McWicked also won a Crown in 2014 at the age of 3. He became only the second horse to ever win a second Breeders Crown trophy four years after the first.

Coleman got her first trophy in 2007 with pacing mare Moving Pictures. Three-year-old female pacer A And G's confusion followed a year later and then Betterthancheddar in 2011.

Coleman is a five-time winner of Canada's Trainer of the Year Award (2005, 2006, 2009, 2010 and 2012). She has trained three Canadian Horse of the Year Award winners, with Michael's Power in 2012 and Betting Line in 2016 preceding McWicked.

A native of British Columbia, Coleman re-located to Ontario when her parents, Linda and Phil, moved their stable to the Flamboro Downs area.

She has won more than 2,300 races and \$59 million in purses. She ranks among the sport's Top 10 in lifetime earnings.

THIS IS THE PLAN

(bay gelding, 4, Somebeachsomewhere – That's The Plan – Western Ideal)

Owner: Burke Racing Stable, Fredericktown, PA (Sylvia Burke); J & T Silva-Purnel & Libby, Delray Beach, Florida (Michele Ann Langden, Jerry & Theresa Silva, Purnel Jones, Jr. & Elizabeth R. Jones); Weaver Brusceci, Canonsburg, PA (Mark Weaver & Michael Brusceci); Lawrence Karr, Randolph, NJ

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Breeders: Moni Market Breeders, Briarcliff Manor, NY

This Is The Plan is capping off a career best season, while transitioning into the Open class. His most recent conquest came in the \$176,000 Hoosier Park Pacing Derby in 1:48.4 on September 20. "We are absolutely thrilled," said Mickey Burke of the Ron Burke Stable. "This was a great race with great horses in it as you could see with how many horses were right there at the end." While he has been extremely competitive all season, This Is The Plan has also experienced some difficult journeys which have contributed to his six second place finishes. "I wanted to race him from behind and maybe take back and follow behind McWicked," driver Yannick Gingras said. "It could not have worked out any better. This horse has never put in a bad performance. He has been very sharp since the Ben Franklin and he has had some tough luck. He deserved a good trip and I tried to give him one tonight."

This Is The Plan comes into the Breeders Crown Pace off an eighth place finish in the \$250,000 Dan Rooney Invitational at Yonkers Raceway on October 12.

In 2019, This Is The Plan upset McWicked in the \$500,000 Ben Franklin at Pocono Downs on June 29 in 1:48.2. He followed up with four straight seconds in the \$250,000 Graduate Final at the Meadowlands on July 6, the \$423,000 William Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands on July 13, the \$260,000 Joe Gerrity, Jr. at Saratoga on July 20 and the \$230,000 Sam McKee Memorial on August 3. This Is The Plan went wire-to-wire in 1:49.1 to take the \$150,000 Prix D'Ete at Trois Rivieres on August 18.

As a sophomore in 2018, This Is The Plan won his elimination for the \$530,000 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace and finished third in the final. He also scored two late-season wins in the \$193,750 Matron Stake (in a deadheat) and the \$260,000 Progress Pace, both at Dover Downs. In 2017, This Is The Plan finished fifth placed sixth for interference in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown 2YO Pace at Hoosier Park.

With 10 wins in 51 career starts and \$1,444,190, This Is The Plan makes his third Breeders Crown appearance. He was a \$90,000 yearling purchase at the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg, PA.

With over 10,000 wins and \$230 million, Ron Burke is the leading trainer in horse racing history. The three-time Trainer of the Year won this division back-to-back in 2009 and 2010 with Won The West, who still holds the Breeders Crown all time record of 1:47 set at the Meadowlands in 2009. Burke also won it with Foiled Again in 2013 when his stable sent out a record 13 finalists. Foiled Again became the richest North American-based harness horse in history and the oldest pacer to win a Breeders Crown at age nine. Foiled Again competed in six Crown finals and never missed a check.

Yannick Gingras, 40, is third among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 21, and No. 6 all time in the series. He 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. 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.

His remaining three Breeders Crown victories in 2017 came with 3-year-old female trotter Ariana G, 2-year-old female trotter Manchego, and 2-year-old female pacer Youaremycandygirl. Manchego's win capped a 12-for-12 season and made her the first undefeated 2-year-old filly trotting champion in Crown history.

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.

Gingras led the sport in purses for four consecutive years, 2014-17, before finishing second in 2018. He has finished no worse than second in each of the past seven seasons and is No. 2 this year, with more than \$10 million. His \$179 million in career purses rank No. 8 in history. He has won more than 7,300 races.

Gingras was voted Driver of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2017 and 2014.

This Is The Plan's sire Somebeachsomewhere was a 2008 Breeders Crown 3YO Pace champion. The 2008 Horse of the Year passed away in January of 2018 and his last foal came on July 12, 2019. He looks for first siring credit in this division with four entries.