

BACKSTREET SHADOW (Shadow Play – Backstreet Sweetie – Dragon Again)

A 5-year-old gelding, Backstreet Shadow is competing in his first Breeders Crown.

Backstreet Shadow's career wins include the Roll With Joe Stakes on June 21 at Tioga Downs. Last year, he won a preliminary leg of the Graduate Series.

He was second by a neck to Bettor's Wish in this year's Sam McKee Memorial at the Meadowlands on Aug. 8. In 2018, he was second in the Ontario Sire Stakes championship.

Backstreet Shadow is trained by Ron Burke, 51, who leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke is a three-time Trainer of the Year (2018, 2013, 2011) and is on his way to leading the sport in wins and purses for the 12th consecutive year. He is No. 1 in history in both categories, with more than 11,000 career victories and \$247 million in earnings.

Tim Tetrick, 38, drives Backstreet Shadow. He is fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 20 and is No. 7 all time in the series. His most recent trophies came in 2018, in the Mare Pace with Shartin N and the 3-year-old filly trot with Lily Stride. He ranks No. 3 among all drivers in history in purses with \$225 million and No. 8 in wins with more than 11,700. He was Driver of the Year in 2013, 2012, 2008, and 2007. Tetrick was elected to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2019.

Backstreet Shadow is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver BrusceMI LLC, Larry Karr, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby.

Karen Carroll bred Backstreet Shadow.

"He's very good, probably trained the best of all them this week," trainer Ron Burke said. "He's sharp. He was outside the whole mile in the Allerage (Oct. 11) and still finished third. I'm happy. All four of mine (in this race) are coming along good. It's going to be a tough race. Maybe Bettor's Wish is a step above everybody, but the rest of us are pretty even."

BETTOR'S WISH (Bettor's Delight – Lifetime Star – Western Ideal)

A 4-year-old stallion, Bettor's Wish is appearing in his second Breeders Crown final. In 2019, he finished second by a head to Dancin Lou in the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

His sire, Bettor's Delight, won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2000.

Bettor's Wish received the 2019 Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.

Career wins for Bettor's Wish include the Sam McKee Memorial on Aug. 8 at the Meadowlands, Dayton Pacing Derby on Oct. 3 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway, and the Allerage Open Pace on Aug. 11 at the Red Mile. Last year, he won the Carl Milstein Memorial, Art Rooney Pace, Matron Stakes, a division of the Tattersalls Pace, and Kentucky Sire Stakes championship.

In 2019, he was second in the North America Cup, Meadowlands Pace, Messenger Stakes, and TVG Series Open Pace championship, where he faced older horses.

Bettor's Wish heads to the Breeders Crown final off a win in an invitational pace Saturday at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Chris Ryder, 65, trains Bettor's Wish. Ryder has won four Breeders Crown finals. He won his first two with Mystical Sunshine, in the 2006 and 2007 Mare Trot, followed by 3-year-old filly pacer Put On A Show in 2010 and 3-year-old filly pacer I Luv The Nitelife in 2013. In his career, Ryder has won nearly 1,600 races and \$43 million in purses.

Dexter Dunn, 31, drives Bettor's Wish. He 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.

Bettor's Wish is owned by Chris Ryder, Bella Racing, Fair Island Farm, and Bettors Wish Partners.

Brittany Farms bred Bettor's Wish.

Bettor's Wish will stand at Diamond Creek Farm of Pennsylvania in 2021.

"He's such a gutsy horse, his attitude is amazing, and makes my job easy because he's so versatile," driver Dexter Dunn said. "It's not an easy move (from age 3 to 4), but you know he's going to go out there and give you 100 percent. He's stepped up very good.

"I'll miss him (next year), that's for sure. He's like an old mate. I'll definitely miss him, but I'm looking forward to see what he can produce on the racetrack once he becomes a stud."

CENTURY FARROH (Mach Three – Beachy Girl – Real Desire)

A 4-year-old stallion, Century Farroh is competing in his first Breeders Crown final. In 2019, he finished sixth in his elimination for 3-year-old male pacers and did not advance.

Century Farroh received the 2019 O'Brien Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.

Career wins for Century Farroh include the Dan Patch Stakes on Aug. 14 at Harrah's Hoosier Park. In 2019, he won the Jenna's Beach Boy Stakes at Hoosier Park. He also won the Simcoe Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

He finished second to Dancin Lou in the William R. Haughton Memorial on July 18 at the Meadowlands. He also finished second in two preliminary rounds of the Graduate Series earlier this season.

Century Farroh heads to the Breeders Crown final off a third-place finish in an invitational pace Saturday at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Ian Moore, 66, trains Century Farroh. He is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He finished second twice with Shadow Play, at ages 3 and 4 in 2008 and 2009. Moore received the O'Brien Award of Horsemanship in 2015 after training State Treasurer to Horse of the Year honors in Canada. He has won nearly 600 races lifetime and \$13 million in purses.

David Miller, 55, drives Century Farroh. He 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. 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 the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Driver of the Year in 2016, 2015 and 2003. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2014.

Century Farroh is owned by Ratchford Stable NS.

He was bred by Century Spring Farms.

"Usually most horse people will tell you that the second time with Lasix is when you get their best performance if it's going to help them, and it appears to have helped him (the first time Saturday) so hopefully he'll be a bit better next week," trainer Ian Moore said. "He's had a tough season, especially trucking back and forth up here, but so have the rest of them. The good ones will dig in, and I know he'll give us his best effort no matter what."

DANCIN LOU (Sweet Lou – Dancewiththebest – Cambest)

Dancin Lou, a 4-year-old stallion, is appearing in his second Breeders Crown final. In 2019, he won the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers by a head over Bettor's Wish at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The most recent male pacer to win Breeders Crown titles at ages 3 and 4 was Art Major in 2002-2003.

Sweet Lou, Dancin Lou's sire, won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2011.

Career wins for Dancin Lou also include the William R. Haughton Memorial on July 18 at the Meadowlands and a preliminary round of the Graduate Series on June 21 at Tioga Downs. In 2019, he won a division of the Tattersalls Pace at the Red Mile.

Dancin Lou heads to the Breeders Crown final off a sixth-place finish in an invitational pace Saturday at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Tahnee Camilleri, 33, trains Dancin Lou. She made her Breeders Crown debut in 2019 and won the 3-year-old colt-and-gelding pace with Dancin Lou. Camilleri gave up a career as a lawyer in Australia to pursue harness racing in North America. Last year was her first full season and she won 30 races and \$914,522 in purses.

Brian Sears, 52, drives Dancin 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.

Dancin Lou is owned by David Kryway and 1362313 Ontario Ltd.

He was bred by Anvil And Lace Farm.

"He's had a little bit of a mixed year," trainer Tahnee Camilleri said. "He started off with a bang and was on a roll. (Then) he got parked pretty much the entire mile in the Sam McKee Memorial and that could have flattened him a little bit, and he picked up a virus that he had a hard time trying to beat. He wasn't quite firing on all cylinders. But I've been pretty happy with his recent runs. He loves this time of year when the weather gets a little cooler, he just feels so good. He seems to be coming around again at the right time. He's done pretty well for not having a complete smooth sailing season. He's done a good job.

"I really like his attitude this year. He loves his job. He was a little green last year and this year every time he steps foot on the track he wants to be out there and he wants to deliver. You can't always control that. They can have all the talent in the world but if they don't want to do it or have a bad attitude it just makes your job a lot tougher. He definitely wants to be out there, that's for sure."

DORSODURO HANOVER (Somebeachsomewhere – Deer Valley Miss – Artsplace)

A 5-year-old gelding, Dorsoduro Hanover is appearing in his fourth Breeders Crown final. In 2018, he won the final for 3-year-old male pacers at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Last year, he finished second to American History at Woodbine Mohawk Park. As a 2-year-old, he finished seventh at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

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

Dorsoduro Hanover received the 2018 Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.

Career wins for Dorsoduro Hanover also include the Canadian Pacing Derby on Sept. 5 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. In 2018, he won the Delvin Miller Adios and the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship.

He was second in the 2018 Meadowlands Pace and Little Brown Jug.

Dorsoduro Hanover is trained by Ron Burke, 51, who leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke is a three-time Trainer of the Year (2018, 2013, 2011) and is on his way to leading the sport in wins and purses for the 12th consecutive year. He is No. 1 in history in both categories, with more than 11,000 career victories and \$247 million in earnings.

Matt Kakaley, 32, drives Dorsoduro Hanover. He has two Breeders Crown trophies, winning both in 2018. He won the 3-year-old colt pace with Dorsoduro Hanover and the 3-year-old filly pace with Percy Bluechip. In 2019, he won an elimination of the Open Pace with Dorsoduro Hanover and finished second in the final. Kakaley has won more than 4,800 races and \$79 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.

Dorsoduro Hanover is owned by Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, Weaver Brusceci, and Wingfield Five.

He was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms.

"He just needs to draw better," trainer Ron Burke said. "If he can be close without having to leave hard, he's probably the best of my horses. He's just had the hardest time. He's been drawing horribly in these races."

FILIBUSTER HANOVER (Somebeachsomewhere – Fashion Ecstasy – Western Hanover)

Filibuster Hanover, a 6-year-old gelding, is appearing in his fifth Breeders Crown and fourth final. He finished second in the 2018 Open Pace at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Last year, he was sixth in the Open Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park and in 2016 he was eighth in the final for 2-year-old male pacers. In 2017, he was sixth in his elimination at Harrah's Hoosier Park and did not advance.

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

Career wins for Filibuster Hanover include the 2017 Little Brown Jug. In 2018, he won the Confederation Cup and Commodore Barry Invitational.

He was second in the Hoosier Park Pacing Derby on Sept. 25.

Ron Burke, 51, trains Filibuster Hanover. Burke leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter's 34 wins in finals. Burke is a three-time Trainer of the Year (2018, 2013, 2011) and is on his way to leading the sport in wins and purses for the 12th consecutive year. He is No. 1 in history in both categories, with more than 11,000 career victories and \$247 million in earnings.

Chris Page, 36, drives Filibuster Hanover. He had three drives in Breeders Crown finals in 2019, with a best finish of fifth with 2-year-old filly pacer Looksgoodinaromper. He made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018 and had fourth-place finishes in the 3-year-old filly pace final with Baron Remy and the Open Pace with Rockin Ron. Page has won more than 5,300 races in his career and \$45 million in purses.

Filibuster Hanover is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Joseph DiScala Jr., J&T Silva Stables, and Weaver Brussemi.

He was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms.

"He's been really good, actually," trainer Ron Burke said. "He had a bad foot in his last start and still had pace. He trained great this week, and everything seems ready to go with him."

SECTIONLINE BIGRY (Pet Rock – Aquatic Yankee – Cambest)

Sectionline Bigry, a 5-year-old gelding, is making his first Breeders Crown appearance.

His sire, Pet Rock, finished second by a nose to Foiled Again in the 2013 Breeders Crown Open Pace. His dam, Aquatic Yankee, finished second to Eternal Camnation in the 2001 Breeders Crown Mare Pace. Foiled Again is the richest horse in harness racing history and Eternal Camnation is the richest female pacer in history.

Career wins for Sectionline Bigry include the 2019 and 2018 Ohio Sire Stakes championships for older male pacers.

He finished second in the #Senditin Invitational on Sept. 6 at Scioto Downs.

Sectionline Bigry heads to the Breeders Crown final off a fourth-place finish in an invitational pace Saturday at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Steve Bauder, 61, trains Sectionline Bigry. Bauder has made two previous appearances in the Breeders Crown, both with Aquatic Yankee, who finished second in the 2001 Mare Pace and fourth in the 2000 Mare Pace. Bauder has won more than 400 races in his career and \$4 million in purses.

Tyler Smith, 27, drives Sectionline Bigry. Smith has appeared in one Breeders Crown, in 2014. He finished third with Let's Drink On It in an elimination for 3-year-old male pacers and seventh in the final. Smith has won more than 3,300 races in his career and \$31 million in purses. He was the youngest driver to 1,000 wins (age 20 in 2013) and 2,000 wins (age 23 in 2016) and reached both milestones at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

Sectionline Bigry is owned by Harold Lee Bauder.

He was bred by Harold Lee Bauder, Michael Dixon, and Harold L. Bauder.

"The last couple months, he's been real good," trainer Steve Bauder said. "He's been good all year, but he's been very sharp lately. Hopefully, that continues. He's good any way you want to race him. He's just an ideal horse. He can always do what you need to do. You can leave with him in 26 seconds or you can sit back and he can come home in 26 seconds. He got a rough trip (in the Dayton Pacing Derby). He came first up and got a little tired. I thought he would hang in a little better but it sort of took its toll on him. He's raced real good at Hoosier (winning two of three)."

SINTRA (Mach Three – Dancin Barefoot – Rocknroll Hanover)

A 7-year-old gelding, Sintra has appeared in one previous Breeders Crown, in 2017 at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He was fifth in his Open Pace elimination and sixth in the final.

Sintra received the 2017 O'Brien Award for best older male pacer.

Career wins for Sintra include the Canadian Pacing Derby and Graduate Series championship, both in 2017, and the 2018 Mohawk Gold Cup.

Tyler George, 34, trains Sintra. George is making his second appearance in the Breeders Crown. He finished third in the 2019 Open Pace with Always A Prince. In his next start, Always A Prince won the TVG Series Open Pace championship. George got career win 1,000 in September at Harrah's Hoosier Park, where he tops the trainer standings in victories. He has earned \$9 million in purses lifetime.

Trace Tetrick, 34, drives Sintra. He has won three Breeders Crown finals, including two in 2017 at his home track of Harrah's Hoosier Park. He won with 3-year-old female pacer Blazin Britches and 2-year-old male trotter Fiftydallarbill. His first trophy came in 2015 with Freaky Feet Pete in the final for 3-year-old male pacers at Toronto's Woodbine Racetrack. Tetrick holds the record for most career wins at Hoosier Park and is on his way to his seventh consecutive driving title (and ninth overall). He has won more than 5,600 races in his career and \$60 million in purses.

Sintra is owned by Michael Guerriero, Kelly Waxman, Nunzio Vena, and Frank Cirillo.

He was bred by Louie Camara.

"I think the week off is going to help him a lot," trainer Tyler George said. "He's real sound and real healthy. I think if he gets a good trip and things go his way, he can be close. He's a professional. We just do a normal routine with him, keep him happy, and he seems to be doing fine. He's raced here (at Hoosier Park) and I think that helps a lot. He's just a good old classy horse that does his job. Everybody has a lot of confidence in him. Mike Guerriero made a good point. He said everyone has their day and they're hoping Sintra has his day here pretty shortly. They're all so good and all so competitive (in this division) it just depends how the race sets up each time."

THIS IS THE PLAN (Somebeachsomewhere – That’s The Plan – Western Ideal)

A 5-year-old gelding, This Is The Plan is appearing in his fourth Breeders Crown final. He was third in the 2018 event for 3-year-old male pacers at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, fifth in the 2019 Open Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and fifth-placed-sixth at age 2 in 2017 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park.

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

Career wins for This Is The Plan include the past two editions of the Hoosier Park Pacing Derby (2020 and 2019), the 2019 Ben Franklin Pace and Prix d’Ete, and the 2018 Progress Pace and Matron Stakes.

In his most recent start, This Is The Plan finished second in the Allerage Farms Open Pace at the Red Mile.

Ron Burke, 51, trains This Is The Plan. Burke leads active trainers in Breeders Crown trophies with 17. Overall, he ranks second behind Jimmy Takter’s 34 wins in finals. Burke is a three-time Trainer of the Year (2018, 2013, 2011) and is on his way to leading the sport in wins and purses for the 12th consecutive year. He is No. 1 in history in both categories, with more than 11,000 career victories and \$247 million in earnings.

Yannick Gingras, 41, drives This Is The Plan. He 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.

This Is The Plan is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Weaver Brussemi, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, and Larry Karr.

He was bred by Moni Market Breeders.

“He’s rounded back into shape,” trainer Ron Burke said. “He was a little bit slow starting, but he’s been super. As long as he draws well, he can be very competitive there. The straightaway (at Hoosier) gives him a long time to get rolling. He’s a very fast horse, most horses aren’t going to just out-pace him, and the long straightaway gives him a chance to stretch out.”

WESTERN JOE (Western Ideal – Ante Fay – Falcon Seelster)

Western Joe, a 6-year-old gelding, is making his first Breeders Crown appearance.

His sire, Western Ideal, won the 2000 Breeders Crown Open Pace in 2000.

Career wins for Western Joe include the Sam McKee Memorial and Great Northeast Open Pace Series final, both in 2018.

The “Joe” in Western Joe’s name is a tribute to breeder/co-owner Anthony Ruggeri’s late uncle, who introduced Ruggeri to harness racing when Ruggeri was a kid and later helped Ruggeri buy his first horse.

Chris Choate, 46, trains Western Joe and is making his Breeders Crown debut. Choate has won more than 200 races lifetime and \$2 million in purses. He has trained horses for Ruggeri for nearly 20 years.

Andy McCarthy, 33, drives Western Joe. 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.

Western Joe is owned by Anthony Ruggeri and Richard Tosies.

He was bred by Anthony Ruggeri.

“We were all over the place with him this year,” trainer Chris Choate said. “We were undecided about this race. But after (his 1:49.2 second-place finish Oct. 17 in the preferred handicap at the Meadowlands) we made the decision to take a shot and go. They go 1:48 at the Meadowlands for \$20,000 or we can go (1):48 in Indiana for \$500,000. We’re not sure if we’re going to stake him next year, so he might have two big races left in his career, the Breeders Crown and the TVG in a few weeks, so why not just go for it. I think he’s just as good as them when he’s on his game. We’ll give it a shot. That’s what we’re in it for. My horse loves the long stretch, so I think that’s going to be to his advantage (at Hoosier).

“He always shows up, he always tries. The nights when he’s a little flat there’s always a reason. He’s got a big heart, that’s what we like about him. He’s been racing against some good horses his whole career and he holds his own. We raised him, so it makes it even more exciting to race him. I’m looking forward to it.”