

## BREEDERS CROWN OPEN TROT FINALISTS

### **AMIGO VOLO** (Father Patrick-Margarita Momma-Yankee Glide)



Amigo Volo is a two-time Breeders Crown champion. He will attempt to join Gimpanzee (2018-20) and Mack Lobell (1986-88) as male trotters to win Breeders Crown trophies at ages 2, 3, and 4. Female trotter Peace Corps (1988-90) also accomplished the feat. Amigo Volo was the 2020 Dan Patch Award winner for best 3-year-old male trotter. Amigo Volo's other victories in 2020 included the Kentucky Futurity. He was a multiple world-record-setter as a 2-year-old and still holds the records for fastest 2- and 3-year-old trotting gelding on a five-eighths-mile track. His sire Father Patrick was a Breeders Crown champion at ages 2 and 3 (2013-14). Trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman. Owned by Pinske Stables (Marlys Pinske and son Karl Pinske) and David J. Miller. Pinske Stables was the 2020 Dan Patch Award Owner of the Year. Bred by Kentuckiana Farms and Jorgen Jahre Jr.

### **BACK OF THE NECK** (Ready Cash-Big Barb-Andover Hall)



Back Of The Neck finished ninth in the Breeders Crown final for 2-year-old male trotters in 2019 and eighth in the final at age 3. His wins this season include the Dayton Trotting Derby. Other top wins for the stallion include a division of the 2020 Stanley Dancer Memorial. He finished third in the 2020 Hambletonian and second in the Harry M. Zweig Memorial. Trained by Ake Svanstedt. Owned by Howard Taylor, Stefan Balazsi's Order By Stable, Judy Taylor, Ake Svanstedt Inc. Bred by Order By Stable, which was the 2018 Dan Patch Award Breeder of the Year.

**BEADS** (Archangel-Nepentha-SJ's Caviar)



Beads went off stride and finished 10th in Breeders Crown finals at both ages 2 and 3. His wins this year include the Hambletonian Maturity. He finished second by a nose to Manchego in the John Cashman Memorial. He was the 2020 Kentucky Sire Stakes champion. Trained by Per Engblom. Owned by Renee Spahr's Buckstone Land Livestock. Bred by Atlantic Trot Inc. and Steve Stewart.

**CHIN CHIN HALL** (Cash Hall-Canland Hall-Garland Lobell)



Chin Chin Hall finished fifth in the Breeders Crown final at age 2 and fourth at 3. The gelding suffered a broken coffin bone last July at age 4 and missed the remainder of the campaign. Chin Chin Hall's lifetime wins include a division of the Bluegrass Stakes in 2018. He was second in the Valley Victory that year. In 2019, he was second in the Kentucky Sire Stakes championship and Matron Stakes. Trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman. Owned by Oldford Racing (Steve Oldford) and David McDuffee. Bred by Walnut Hall Limited.

**ECURIE D** (Infinitif-To Soon-Muscles Yankee)



Born in Denmark, Ecurie D was a sensation in Europe his first two seasons of racing. He entered this year with 14 wins in 17 starts. He won his first 11 races in a row, including all seven starts at age 2. In May, Ecurie D finished sixth in the Elitlopp. His 1:50.4 debut win in the U.S. puts him in a tie for the eighth-fastest mile of the season by an older trotter in North America. Overall, Ecurie D has won 16 of 22 races and \$458,368. Trained by Ake Svanstedt. Owned by Marko Kreivi Stables, Suleyman Yuksel Stables, and Ake Svanstedt Inc. Bred by Jean Pierre Dubois.

**FORBIDDEN TRADE** (Kadabra-Pure Ivory-Striking Sahbra)



Forbidden Trade was an O'Brien Award winner at ages 2 and 3. He was Canada's 2019 Horse of the Year when his victories included the Hambletonian. Finished seventh in the Breeders Crown at age 3. A leg injury limited Forbidden Trade to five starts in 2020. In addition to the Hambletonian, his top career wins include this year's Caesars Trotting Classic and Crawford Farms Open Trot as well as Ontario Sire Stakes championships at ages 2 and 3. His sire Kadabra was a Breeders Crown champion at age 3 in 2002. Trained by Luc Blais. Owned by Serge Godin's Determination stable. Bred by Steve Stewart.

**IT'S ACADEMIC** (Uncle Peter-Annapolis-Muscle Hill)



It's Academic is making his first Breeders Crown start. His top career wins include this year's Charlie Hill Memorial and last year's Currier & Ives Open and a division of the Bluegrass Stakes. As a 3-year-old, It's Academic trotted a then-world-record 1:53.1 on the half-mile oval at the Delaware (Ohio) County Fairgrounds. His sire Uncle Peter was a Breeders Crown champion at age 2 in 2011. Trained by Ron Burke. Owned by Brad Grant. Bred by GBW Breeding Farms.

**MAJESTIC PLAYER A** (Majestic Son-Another Player-Dr Ronerail)



Australia-born Majestic Player A finished fourth in the 2020 Breeders Crown Open Trot. He is seeking his first Grand Circuit win. He was second by a nose to Manchego in this year's Arthur J. Cutler Memorial and third in the Charlie Hill Memorial. He also was third in last year's Allerage Open Trot. His sire Majestic Son was a Breeders Crown champion at age 3 in 2006 and Canada's Horse of the Year. Trained by Walter Haynes Jr. Owned by Jeff Fought Racing, Brian Carsey, and John McGill. Bred by Yabby Dam Farms Limited.

**READY FOR MONI** (Ready Cash-Nothing But Moni-Credit Winner)



Ready For Moni finished fifth in the Breeders Crown at age 3. He won this year's Graduate Series championship for 4-year-old trotters. Other top career wins include last year's Harry M. Zweig Memorial and Goodtimes Stakes and the 2019 Kentucky Sire Stakes championship. He finished second in last year's Hambletonian after winning his elimination the previous week. He also was second in the 2019 Valley Victory. Trained by Nancy Takter. Owned by Frank and Gerald Antonacci's Lindy Farms of Connecticut, John Fielding, Herb Liverman, and Bud Hatfield. Bred by Moni Maker Stable.

**SERMON** (Muscle Hill-Letsjustalkaboutme-Self Possessed)

Sermon is making his first start in the Breeders Crown. His top career win came last year in the Circle City Stakes. He was third in last year's Pegasus Stakes and a division of the Bluegrass Stakes. His sire Muscle Hill was a Breeders Crown champion at ages 2 and 3 (2008-09) and the 2009 Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada. Trained by Per Engblom. Owned by Per Iwar Rodert's Consus Racing Stable and Bengt Kjell's Longbridge Trotting. Bred by Diamond Creek Farm and Mel Hartman.

**WARRAWEE ROO** (Majestic Son-Karoon-Yankee Glide)



Warrawee Roo has appeared in one previous Breeders Crown, finishing third in the 2018 Open Trot. Last week, he prepped for the Breeders Crown by winning at the Meadowlands in a career-best 1:51.2. His top lifetime wins include the 2018 Harry Harvey Trot and 2016 Ontario Sire Stakes championship at age 3. He finished second in the 2017 Graduate Series final and 2018 Dayton Trotting Derby. He was third in the 2017 Hambletonian Maturity. Warrawee Roo suffered a fractured foot at the end of 2018. He did not race in 2019 or 2020. His sire Majestic Son was a Breeders Crown champion at age 3 in 2006 and Canada's Horse

of the Year. Trained by Luc Blais. Owned by Serge Godin's Determination stable. Bred by Warrawee Farm.