

ATLANTA (Chapter Seven – Hemi Blue Chip – Cantab Hall)

Atlanta, a 5-year-old mare, is appearing in her fourth Breeders Crown. She finished fourth in the 2-year-old filly final in 2017, second in the 3-year-old filly final in 2018, and third in the Open Trot final last year.

Her sire, Chapter Seven, won Breeders Crown trophies at ages 3 and 4. He was Horse of the Year at age 4 in 2012.

Atlanta was the 2018 Trotter of the Year at age 3 and received the Dan Patch Award for best older female trotter in 2019.

Career wins for Atlanta include the 2018 Hambletonian at the Meadowlands, where she became the 14th filly to defeat the boys in the sport's premier race for 3-year-old trotters. She also won the 2018 Kentucky Filly Futurity. In 2019, she won the Armbro Flight at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:50.2, the fastest trotting mile ever in Canada, and the Graduate Series championship at the Meadowlands in 1:49.1, then the fastest mile ever for a female trotter.

This year, her victories include the Maple Leaf Trot, Dayton Trotting Derby and Cutler Memorial.

Atlanta 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.

Yannick Gingras, 41, drives Atlanta. 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.

Atlanta is owned by Crawford Farms Racing, Brad Grant, and Howard Taylor.

She was bred by Order By Stable(Stefan Balazsi).

"I could not be happier with her, she's the best she's ever been for us," trainer Ron Burke said. "I like getting the week off because she loves to race off multiple weeks off, so she's going to come in sharp for the final. I'm thrilled.

"I think she's matured a little bit more. I've always worried about her weight, and it's really not an issue now. She looks great. And maybe the year, the way her schedule has been, it's really helped. She hasn't raced that much, and I don't think she really wants to race a lot because when she races, she gives everything every step every time. I think it points to next year being her best year. I'm excited. Right now, it's all go to race next year again. I think we can do special things next year."

CRYSTAL FASHION (Cantab Hall – Window Willow – Tagliabue)

A 5-year-old gelding, Crystal Fashion is appearing in his third Breeders Crown final. At age 2 in 2017, he won an elimination but went off stride in the final at Harrah's Hoosier Park. The next year, he finished third in the final at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

Crystal Fashion's sire, Cantab Hall, won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2003 and was named Trotter of the Year.

Career wins for Crystal Fashion include the Canadian Trotting Classic, Earl Beal Jr. Memorial, an elimination of the Hambletonian Stakes (in a 3-year-old gelding world-record 1:50.1) and Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship, all in 2018, and the 2019 Hambletonian Maturity and John Cashman Memorial.

He was second in the Allerage Farms Open Trot on Oct. 11 at the Red Mile. In 2018, he was second in the Kentucky Futurity at the Red Mile.

Jim Campbell, 58, has won four Breeders Crown finals, most recently in 2016 with 3-year-old female trotter Broadway Donna. His first Crown came with 3-year-old female pacer Galleria in 1998. Two-year-old male trotter Broadway Hall gave Campbell his second trophy in 2002 and 3-year-old female trotter Broadway Schooner, the dam of Broadway Donna, followed in 2009. All four of Campbell's Breeders Crown winners were Dan Patch Award winners. For his career, Campbell has won more than 1,300 races and \$47 million in purses.

Jordan Stratton, 33, is making his Breeders Crown debut. Stratton received the Rising Star Award in 2009. That year, the 21-year-old Stratton won career race 1,000 and became only the second driver in history to reach the milestone prior to his 22nd birthday. A year earlier, Stratton became the youngest driver to win a driving title at Monticello Raceway. He now is one of the leading drivers at Yonkers Raceway.

Crystal Fashion is owned by Fashion Farms.

He was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms.

"I've been very happy with the way he's been racing," trainer Jim Campbell said. "He went a really big race at the Red Mile (in the Allerage, finishing second). His last five starts have all been real good races. He feels sharp.

"He didn't get off to a real good start this year, I think he just needed to get a few races under his belt in order for him to get back into his form. We've kind of intentionally spread his starts out a little bit, trying to keep him fresh for the year-end races. So far, it seems to be working out good with him."

FIFTYDALLARBILL (Swan For All – CR Dixie Chick – Royal Troubador)

A 5-year-old stallion, Fiftydallarbill is making his fourth appearance in a Breeders Crown final. In 2017, he won the 2-year-old colt-and-gelding trot final at Harrah's Hoosier Park. In 2018, he was eighth at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and in 2019 he was seventh at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Career wins for Fiftydallarbill also include the 2018 Indiana Sire Stakes championship for 3-year-old male trotters.

He finished second in the 2019 Dayton Trotting Derby.

Luis Quevedo, 41, trains Fiftydallarbill. Quevedo is in his first full season with a stable. He has won 33 races and more than \$350,000 in purses.

Trace Tetrick, 34, drives Fiftydallarbill. 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.

Fiftydallarbill is owned by John Barnard.

He was bred by John Miller.

"We scheduled him for the back end of the year," owner John Barnard said. "It's kind of worked out. He's just now started to come back the way he should. He wasn't himself the first month or so coming back, he wasn't firing the way he did before, but I liked the way he raced the other night (in the invitational, finishing fifth). He got beat by four (lengths) but it was a good start to figure out what the horse is capable of. He closed in :26.1, so he's starting to pop a bit at the end.

"I've got my fingers crossed that we get a big effort from him on Breeders Crown night. He definitely deserves the opportunity. I wish we had a few more weeks to get ready, but this horse is capable of going big miles. It's just a matter of everything coming together. He's a fantastic horse, he really is. We're excited about it."

GIMPANZEE (Chapter Seven – Steamy Windows – Muscle Massive)

Gimpanzee, a 4-year-old stallion, is a two-time Breeders Crown champion. He won at age 2 in 2018 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono, completing a 9-for-9 season. He won at 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

He received the Dan Patch Award for best 2-year-old male trotter in 2018. He finished runner-up to stablemate Greenshoe for Dan Patch honors in 2019. Greenshoe was named best 3-year-old male trotter and Trotter of the Year.

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

Gimpanzee's sire, Chapter Seven, won Breeders Crown trophies at ages 3 and 4. He was Horse of the Year at age 4 in 2012.

Career wins for Gimpanzee also include the Hambletonian Maturity on July 18 at the Meadowlands, John Cashman Memorial on Aug. 8 at the Meadowlands, Graduate Series championship on July 11 at the Meadowlands, and the Caesars Trotting Classic on Sept. 25 at Harrah's Hoosier Park. In 2019, he won the Yonkers Trot and Empire Breeders Classic. He is a two-time New York Sire Stakes champion (2018 and 2019).

Marcus Melander, 28, trains Gimpanzee. He has won two Breeders Crown trophies, both with Gimpanzee. Melander was named 2019 Trainer of the Year, the youngest trainer to ever receive the award. In 2019, his 3-year-olds Greenshoe and Gimpanzee each earned more than \$1 million and Melander became only the second trainer to have two million-dollar-earning trotters in the same division in the same season, joining Jimmy Takter. In 2018, Melander received the Rising Star Award. For his career, he has won more than 270 races and \$13 million in purses.

Brian Sears, 52, drives Gimpanzee. 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.

Gimpanzee is owned by Courant Inc. and S R F Stable.

He was bred by Order By Stable.

"The result in Lexington (sixth in Allerage) was a little disappointing, even if I wasn't disappointed in the horse, but the result," trainer Marcus Melander said. "I could feel in the warmups (Saturday) that he was in form. I told Brian that too. We were both very excited that he bounced back the way he did. It was a perfect prep race for him. Brian drove him perfectly and he didn't have to chase him hard down the lane, he did it very easily. I couldn't have been happier."

"He's the nicest horse to train. At home, he's perfect. He does exactly what I want him to do. He's just the horse you're looking for. If everyone was like him it would be very easy."

KATKIN AMERICAN (Guccio – Katkin – Davanti)

A 5-year-old gelding, Katkin American is making his first Breeders Crown appearance.

Katkin American heads to the Breeders Crown final off a win in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship for older male trotters. In 2018, he was second in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship for 3-year-old male trotters.

He has been lightly raced in his career because of injuries but was a Hoosier Park track-record-setter at age 3.

James Yoder, 26, trains and drives Katkin American. Yoder made his Breeders Crown debut in 2019 with 2-year-old filly trotter May Baby, finishing fourth in her elimination and eighth in the final. Yoder is the son of trainer/driver Verlin Yoder, who in 2018 made his Breeders Crown debut and won the 2-year-old filly trot with Woodside Charm. Lifetime, James has won more than 270 races as a driver and 75 as a trainer. He surpassed \$1 million in career training purses earlier this month. He is among the top drivers and trainers at Harrah's Hoosier Park in win percentage this year.

Katkin American is owned by Brett Boyd Racing.

He was bred by Brett Boyd Racing.

"This will be his first big race," trainer James Yoder said. "We've been aiming for it the whole season, aiming him for October. He's coming off two injuries, so he hasn't had too many starts and we've just been prepping him for this. He's done pretty good."

LINDY THE GREAT (Crazed – Highscore Kemp – Muscles Yankee)

A 6-year-old stallion, Lindy The Great is making his fourth appearance in the Breeders Crown and third trip to a final. In 2017, he won his elimination and finished second in the final for 3-year-old male trotters at Harrah's Hoosier Park. In 2019, he finished fourth in the Open Trot at Woodbine Mohawk Park. In 2018, he was fifth in his Open Trot elimination at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and did not advance.

Career wins for Lindy The Great include the 2019 Caesars Trotting Classic at Harrah's Hoosier Park. In 2016, he won the Madison County at Hoosier.

This year, Lindy The Great has finished second in the Maple Leaf Trot, John Cashman Memorial, and Dayton Trotting Derby.

Julie Miller, 47, trains Lindy The Great. Miller won the 2009 Breeders Crown Open Trot with Lucky Jim. Her husband, Andy, drove Lucky Jim. Team Miller had two second-place finishes in 2018, with Top Flight Angel in the Open Trot and Met's Hall in the 3-year-old colt-and-gelding trot. In September, Miller won the inaugural Mohawk Million with Venerate at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Earlier this month, she won the Kentucky Filly Futurity with Love A Good Story. For her career, she has won nearly 2,000 races and \$45 million in purses.

Andy Miller, 52, 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. 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.

Lindy The Great is owned by Andy Miller Stable and Team Lindy The Great.

He was bred by K R Breeding.

"We're 0-for-13 so I'd sure like to see him get across the finish line first sooner or later," trainer Julie Miller said. "He's beaten these horses at one time or another, it would be nice to do it all in one big race like this. That (invitational Saturday, finishing fourth) wasn't really his race. He ended up on the front and I think he's better from off the pace. Obviously, I'm looking for a good draw. He likes Hoosier, he's raced well there.

"It's a tough race. Atlanta is amazing, and there's Gimpanzee; it's the best of the best. I'm just excited to be one of the 10 in there. We definitely need to work out a trip and have some luck. But he feels good and he's healthy."

MAJESTIC PLAYER A (Majestic Son – Another Player – Dr Ronerail)

Australian-bred Majestic Player A is making his first Breeders Crown appearance.

His sire, Majestic Son, won a Breeders Crown at age 3 in 2006 and was Canada's Horse of the Year.

Majestic Player A is in his first year of racing in North America. His 13 wins this season are one shy of tying for the most by any trotter in North America in 2020. Six of those victories have come in the opens at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

He is looking for his first Grand Circuit win. He is coming off a third-place finish in the Allerage Farms Open Trot on Oct. 11 at the Red Mile.

In his last start before leaving Australia, Majestic Player A won the Group 2 Breeders Crown for 4-year-old male trotters.

Walter Haynes Jr., who turns 55 on Oct. 28, trains Majestic Player A. Haynes is making his second appearance in a Breeders Crown. In 2017 at Harrah's Hoosier Park, he finished seventh with Manhattan Beach in the Open Pace. For his career, Haynes has won more 1,100 races and \$9 million in purses. Although he focuses on training now, Haynes has nearly 2,500 victories as a driver.

Brett Miller, 47, drives Majestic Player A. Miller has won three Breeders Crown trophies. He got his first in 2015 with Pure Country, who won the final for 2-year-old female pacers to cap a 10-for-10 campaign on her way to divisional Dan Patch Award honors. He won his second in 2016 with Racing Hill in the final for 3-year-old male pacers. In 2017, he won with Split The House in the Open Pace. For his career, Miller has won more than 8,700 races and \$93 million in purses.

Majestic Player A is owned by Jeff Fought Racing, Brian Carsey, and Casey Myers.

He was bred by Yabby Dam Farms Limited.

"He raced really good (Saturday) night," trainer Walter Haynes Jr. said. "Brett Miller said it's probably the best he's been in his last three or four starts. He's had a tremendous year. He's had a few bad races, but he got sick, he bled a little bit. He gets real nervous when you ship him, too. He doesn't like too much change. So, this is a homecourt advantage for us.

"He doesn't do anything wrong. He's really a perfect horse to be around. He can get a little amped up when he goes to the gate, (Saturday) showed that a little, because he wants to get out of there too much. The guy that sold him said he's a horse that wants to please you, and he does. But sometimes he tries to do it too much. I hope we draw somewhere inside where we don't have to use him early because he gets home so fast."

MISSION ACCEPTED (Manofmanymissions – Witty Girl – S J’s Photo)

A 5-year-old stallion, Mission Accepted is making his second appearance in a Breeders Crown final. He finished sixth in last year’s Open Trot.

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

Career wins for Mission Accepted include the Harry Harvey Invitational and Vincennes, both in 2019, a division of the Pegasus at Harrah’s Hoosier Park in 2018, and an Ohio Sire Stakes championship in 2017.

He was second in the 2019 Caesars Trotting Classic at Hoosier Park.

Ron Burke, 51, trains Mission Accepted. 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 Mission Accepted. 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.

Mission Accepted is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Knox Services Inc., David Wills, and Weaver Brusceci.

He was bred by Knox Services Inc.

REIGN OF HONOR (Father Patrick – Margarita Momma – Yankee Glide)

A 4-year-old gelding, Reign Of Honor is making his first appearance in the Breeders Crown.

His sire, Father Patrick, won Breeders Crown trophies at age 2 in 2013 and age 3 in 2014. He was a Dan Patch Award divisional champ both years.

Career wins for Reign Of Honor include the 2018 Kindergarten Classic Series championship.

He was second in this year's Graduate Series final and the 2019 New Jersey Sire Stakes championship for 3-year-old male trotters.

Marcus Melander, 28, trains Reign Of Honor. Melander has won two Breeders Crown trophies, both with male trotter Gimpanzee, who was victorious at age 2 in 2018 and again last year at 3. He was the 2018 Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male trotter. Gimpanzee finished runner-up to stablemate Greenshoe for Dan Patch honors in 2019. Both earned more than \$1 million and Melander became only the second trainer to have two million-dollar-earning trotters in the same division in the same season, joining Jimmy Takter. In 2018, Melander received the Rising Star Award. For his career, he has won more than 270 races and \$13 million in purses.

David Miller, 55, drives Reign Of Honor. 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. 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.

Reign Of Honor is owned by Deo Volente Farms and Howard Taylor.

He was bred by Kentuckiana Farms and Jorgen Jahre Jr.

"We're going to do some equipment changes," trainer Marcus Melander said. "He wasn't at 100 percent. Even if he's not the same class as Gimpanzee, he wasn't as good as we thought he would be. We're going to do some equipment changes for next week and I think that will help."

SOUL STRONG (Father Patrick – Sheer Soul – Yankee Glide)

A 4-year-old gelding, Soul Strong is appearing in his second Breeders Crown final. In 2019, he finished third in the Breeders Crown final for 3-year-old male trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

His sire, Father Patrick, won Breeders Crown trophies at age 2 in 2013 and age 3 in 2014. He was a Dan Patch Award divisional champ both years.

Soul Strong is seeking his first Grand Circuit win. In 2019, he finished second in a division of the Tompkins-Geers Stakes. This year, he was third in the Hambletonian Maturity and John Cashman Memorial, both at the Meadowlands. Last year, he was third in the Yonkers Trot.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, trains and drives Soul Strong. 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.

Soul Strong is owned by Stable Why Not.

He was bred by Al Libfield and Marvin Katz.

"He raced good in Lexington," trainer Ake Svanstedt said. "Everything is good with him. It is maybe tough for him to race against the best horses, but he is OK. I'm happy if he can get a check. Maybe he can do a good race and step up a little bit."