

Memorable Moments in Breeders Crown History

Total Dominance (Or: "Twin Peaks")

2004-2005 Brian Sears and Ron Pierce. Four wins each for both years. They combine to win 46% of every Breeders Crown dollar distributed. \$5,695,248. The highest % that they possibly could have won was 71%. 2005 alone was 48.5%.

Campbell's Streak

John won a Breeders Crown raced in each of the 15 seasons-from 1984-1998. In 1999-he was 11 0-3-2 and still led in earnings that year! 770g!

That winning streak stands as the Breeders Crown all-time best.

Record Breaking Year, But.....

Rocknroll Hanover became the first two year old to win in sub 1:50 in the 2004 Metro-1:49.4 But, he was scratched from the Breeders Crown that year. That scratch, coupled with Village Jolts' victory, likely went into Ron Pierce's 2005 decision to take Village Jolt over Rocknroll Hanover when offered the choice. He opted off Rocknroll Hanover, Sears drove for the entire season and he was the easy choice for that year's best -HOY.

Gone-But Far From Forgotten

Windsongs Legacy, 2004 Triple Crown winner, passed away 3/1/08 at age 7-younger than any Triple Crown winner ever. But his presence was felt-and is felt-much later when his son Chapter Seven won Back To Back Breeders Crowns in 2011-2012 and was named Horse Of The Year in 2012. Chapter Seven had a pair of Freshman Breeders Crown winners last year-Woodside Charm and Gimpanzee.

Oh So Close (To \$3 Million Career)

Donato Hanover finished his career \$1,223 away from \$3 Million lifetime. So his defeat in the 2007 Breeders Crown elim and final hurt even more-at least in retrospect. You see-he had not lost a race all year-11/11-but came up a buck shy to finish his spectacular career.

Gallo's \$ Record Night-And A Couple Of "Others", Too

In 2000-Gallo Blue Chip surged to a new single season earnings record with his Breeders Crown romp. This year, it appears that McWicked can surge past \$5 Million-Career on Crown nite. In 2008-Somebeachsomewhere finished his career in the Breeders Crown with his 20th career score, a win which put him at \$2,448,003 for the season, a standard for pacers that still stands today.

Filly And The Mare

John Campbell in 1998 became the first driver to win a race in sub 1:50 with both a filly and a mare.

6/27/98 Meadowlands Armbro Romance 1:49.4 Ladyship Stakes

8/1/98 Meadowlands Jays Table 1:49.3 Breeders Crown-thus making her the first mare to go this fast, and of course the record for a Breeders Crown female.

20th Anniversary Of A Couple Of Big Names Tasting Defeat In The Breeders Crown
1999

Self Possessed-the 1:51.3 Hambletonian winner for a new world mark-wasn't so fortunate in the Breeders Crown He was 8th at 1-9 odds.

Triple Crown winner Blissful Hall also came up short on Crown Night. Sent off at 2-5, he was 3rd.

Price Plus

How often do you see a divisional champ pay \$71.30 in the Breeders Crown? Not often for sure. But it happened 20 years ago when Dream of Joy clicked at the boxcar price for Jim Meitinis and Per Eriksson. 2FT.

Oh (Wow!) Canada!

\$100.20 was the price in 1999 for Shore By Five for a pair of Canadians Dan Dube and Bob McIntosh-upsetting in the Mare Pace.

4th Time A Charm?

Tim Tetrick. Hall Of Famer. Can he combine that with a Horse Of The Year in the same year? Shartin N? It has happened before.

2004 Ron Pierce Rainbow Blue plus she won the Breeders Crown.
1970 Both the first and last trainer of Fresh Yankee were inducted that year-Sanders Russell and Joe O'Brien. They both drove the great mare also.
1969 Stanley Dancer and Nevele Pride

Alert: As Of October 15, Timmy Tetrick was about 100G from taking over the third slot from Ron Pierce on the all-time list. \$215.3 Million. (Pierce retired March 2015)

Preview Of Things To Come?

As the 20th century ended, look at how close in the composite column Ron Pierce and Paul MacDonnell were (Weren't they the two drivers in the best Meadowlands Pace ever-2008?)

MacDonnell 29 5-2-3 \$1,748,017

Pierce 29 5-3-3 \$1,709,771

These are Breeders Crown stats only

Sears-One For The Thumb?

If Greenshoe wins the Breeders Crown and vaults to HOY honors, it'll be the fifth different horse that Brian Sears will have won the award with-the most of any driver in the 21st century.

2005 Rocknroll Hanover won Breeders Crown

2009 Muscle Hill won Breeders Crown

2013 Bee A Magician won Breeders Crown

2018 McWicked won Breeders Crown

2019 A Greenshoe victory would mean all five of Sears HOY winners (Potentially) were also Breeders Crown winners.

No Generation Gap Here

Moni Maker won the Breeders Crown on 8/1/98-30 years after her sire was foaled Speedy Crown. (1968)

Two Undefeateds In 1992

Artsplace went unblemished as HOY-including a Breeders Crown. 16-16

Peace Corps won her 4th Breeders Crown without a loss in 1992-a record that still stands.

Back To Back

Pine Chip:

1) He won back to back Breeders Crown in 1993-1994

2) He won back to back "Trotter Of The Year" titles in 1993-1994-NO HORSE has done this since in their only two years of racing!

3) He won back to back Hambletonians as a sire-2001 Scarlet Knight-2002 Chip Chip Hooray

2001 Notebook.

The richest ever Breeders Crown year....Varenne wins in a world record 1:51.1 the second time the race-the Open Trot-went for \$1 Million....Sylvain Filion wins his first Breeders Crown with Goliath Bayama....Duke Of York took advantage of the early break of Andover Hall and paid \$70.30 to win....Andover Hall was 15 cents on the \$\$...Pegasus Spur pulls off the runnerup double-second in the Hambletonian, second in the Breeders Crown....S J's Caviar, ineligible for the Hambo, finishes 4th in the Breeders Crown but still has a big year-over \$1.1 million, and captured divisional honors despite not being on the board in those pivotal races...Brooke Nickells drives Lavecster but doesn't get any money.....

Snow White's Green Day

Snow White's blowout win in 2007. She won for fun in the 2007 Breeders Crown at the Meadowlands for freshman trotting fillies. 12 and a half lengths. And established a new earnings record for a freshman trotter-well over \$1.2 million. Still stands. The win was her third straight win of double digit margins! She had previously won the Goldsmith Maid by 12 and a 1/4 at Woodbine and scored by 10 1/4 lengths in the International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile. NOTE-The victory at the Meadowlands put John Campbell past the \$250 Million mark in earnings-still the only driver to reach that plateau.

1997 Breeders Crown. Did You Know?

That the two biggest margins that year were by Malabar Man 7 1/4 lengths and Stienams Place 6 lengths?....That Muscles Yankee went on a break as the prohibitive favorite-1/5-in the 2CT?.....That Jeremys Gambit was second in the 3CP-significant since he never did win a single race outside of the Meadowlands?? (And he had a Million \$ career)...That Stienams Place's daughter Put On A Show set the earnings record in the 2010 Breeders Crown at Pocono for a pacing filly?

8/22/09 Won The West's 1:47 flat Breeders Crown record. Post 1 Jimmy Morrill, Jr. driving. He was 13 1-2-3 on the season \$208,085 for trainer Ron Burke, who was in his first full year of training (Mickey Burke appeared on the program prior)

Won The West split horses to improve on his \$1,541,606 bankroll going in-and would repeat the following year at Pocono and wind up with \$3.9 million lifetime.

Yankee Slide's 2004 Upset in the Breeders Crown. \$81.00 to win for Brian Sears and trainer Steve Elliott. Going in-the son of Self Possessed-first crop-was 1/7 on the year good for \$23,240. He was beaten-get this-33 and a half lengths by Windsongs Legacy in the Kentucky Futurity final without a break! Joe Pennachio owned the winner, who was out of the Sir Taurus mare So So Chic. That was significant-since she won again the following year in this same class with Strong Yankee.

The following are some of the big names who finished their careers with a Breeders Crown win:
2005 Rocknroll Hanover cemented the HOY with a convincing score.

2008 Somebeachsomewhere and Deweycheatmnhowe were both finishing their careers-and likely deciding the HOY-on the very same Breeders Crown Night of 2008 at the Meadowlands. SBSW won, Dewey was third and they both rode off into the sunset.

Beach Towel won for fun at Pompano Park in 1990 to call it a career-and a \$2 Million single season-an industry first. Horse Of The Year honors awaited Ray Remmen and Seth Rosenfeld.

C R Kay Suzie romped in the 1996 Breeders Crown-age 4-as the second choice-(Coktail Jet the choice) despite the fact that she was the defending HOY. It proved to be her final race.

No Pan Intended completed the Triple Crown/Breeders Crown daily double at the Meadowlands late in 2003. 16 years later-no one has done this. Even in different years. He remains the lone Triple Crown winner to also have a Breeders Crown trophy (Marion Marauder could duplicate that this year at Woodbine Mohawk Park)

Sire Notes

BETTORS DELIGHT

Raced in the 2000 Freshman Breeders Crown and won it-then returned at 3 and couldn't handle nemesis Real Desire. As a stallion, he is the world wide leader in earnings, and at 21, this year he sired his very first Meadowlands Pace winner in Best In Show, going 1-2 as Bettors Wish was second. Bettors Wish enters the Breeders Crown as the richest performer in all of North America.

All Bets Off at \$3,097,707 is the #1 earner on the imposing list by Bettors Delight.

Lazarus N is also past \$3 Million, at \$3,070,095

Darlins Delight never did get to the winners circle in the Breeders Crown-her bankroll a female best \$2,901,926.

Bettor Sweet won the Breeders Crown back to back and his bankroll was a very impressive \$2,782,353

Bit Of A Legend N makes it two out of five past \$2.5 Million lifetime that were bred down under by the dual hemisphere star-Bettors Delight.

CANTAB HALL

The only 2 YO Trotter voted "Trotter Of The Year"-2003 (NOTE-they didn't have the award in 1967 when 2 YO Nevele Pride was HOY)

#1 Son Father Patrick \$2,558,133 career. He is the sire of the outstanding trotter of 2019 Greenshoe.

#2 Crystal Fashion is around \$1.9 million and still counting and will be in action October 26.

#3 Wild Honey made \$1,725,784 doing it here and Internationally. John Campbell won a Breeders Crown with her in 2015.

#4 Explosive Matter \$1,510,542 did everything pretty much right, except pick out the year he was born-the same as Muscle Hill (2006).

#5 Mets Hall \$1,295,306 with an on-the-board Hambletonian finish for Team Julie-Andy Miller.

#6 Uncle Peter \$1,290,660 won the 2011 Breeders Crown for Freshman-and was the 2012 Hambo favorite for Team Takter.

Also on this list is the first ever Hambo Oaks winner in sub 1:51-Lifetime Pursuit-1:50.4-2014

Pastor Stephen is past \$1 Million-and Breeders Crown winning Wheelin N Dealin up over \$932G. Don't forget Kentucky Futurity winner MY MVP.

KADABRA

2019 Hambletonian winning sire Forbidden Trade

Age 20

Breeders Crown winner himself and a world champion (Won elim and final at Woodbine in 2002)

4 of his top 6 earners are female.

On Super Night October 12-at the same oval as the Breeders Crown-he was the dominant sire in starters with 4 in both the 3CT and the 3FT

He is the sire of \$4 Million earning 2013 HOY Bee A Magician (\$4,055,865)

Also on his leading man list is Daylon Magician at \$1,977,869

Flanagan Memory at \$1,609,330

Emoticon Hanover is still counting on her march towards \$2 Million.

Kadealia won \$570,375 mostly on the strength of her huge 75-1 upset in the 2008 Breeders Crown.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Two time Breeders Crown winner 2011 and 2012 at ages 3-4. The second win solidified it-there was no doubt from there he was Horse Of The Year

Sired 3/4 division winners a year ago among the 2-3 YO set.

Woodside Charm, Gimpanzee and Atlanta.

Gimpanzee and Woodside Charm were both undefeated at 2.

Atlanta is his richest performer-and the first filly to win the Hambletonian in the 21st century.

He also sired the dominant Breeders Crown freshman winner from 2016 Walner.

Chapter Seven is a son of Triple Crown winning Windsongs Legacy.

On September 14, 2019 at Batavia, Chapter Seven won all four NYSS Finals!

MUSCLE HILL

Went 2-2 in the Breeders Crown himself. 2008-2009

His final race came in the Breeders Crown-at Woodbine-in 2009-the same track where Secretariat finished up in 1973.

Has sired the winner of four straight Hambletonian Oaks

Had four Hambletonian finalists this year.

Sired the richest ever standardbred Triple Crown winner, \$3.3 million earning Marion Marauder.

Only Muscle Hill and Chapter Seven this year appeared in both Million \$ Trots (Hambo and Yonkers International)

His son Resolve banked \$2,621,086

Ariana G made an impressive \$2,465,459

Manchego is now the female world record holder at 1:49 flat.

Mission Brief made over \$1.5 million and was the 2015 Hambo favorite.

Bar Hopping was the 2016 Hambo favorite, and went on to win that years Breeders Crown.

What The Hill was taken down in the 2017 Hambo, but recovered to win the TVG at years end and nail down divisional honors.

Propulsion is past \$3.5 million in his career-mostly overseas.

Green Manalishi won a Hambo elim this year in 1:50.3.

Southwind Frank's career wound up at \$1,950,887.

Horses that have won the Hambletonian and Breeders Crown in the same year

2009 Muscle Hill

1998 Muscles Yankee

1997 Malabar Man

1991 Giant Victory

1987 Mack Lobell (also won Breeders Crown Open Trot as a 4yr)

1985 Prakas

In 2012 Market Share won the Hambletonian and returned in 2013 to win the Breeders Crown Open Trot

Bettor's Wish is 10 feet short of an undefeated season – and it's cost him \$573,344 (U.S.)

Bettor's Wish is the leading North American Standardbred money winner this year with \$1,288,944. His record is 15-11-4-0.

Three of his seconds are in photo finishes -- two heads and a neck. The other was by 3/4 of a length.

The basis is that a horse is 8 feet = 1 length; a neck = 2 feet = one-quarter length; a head is 1 foot = half a neck.

In these three races:

Messenger 2/hd the photo cost him \$125,000

Cane 2/nk the photo cost him \$69,914

Meadowlands Pace 2/hd the photo cost him \$162,130

So those three photo losses cost him \$357,044 for 4 feet, which is \$89,261 a foot, or \$7438 an inch

If you include the North American Cup

NA Cup 2/T the loss cost him \$206,250, for 6 feet behind

The total is \$573,294 for 10 feet of defeat in his four losses, obviously \$57,329 per foot of defeat for the year, or \$4778 per inch.

Pennsylvania Connections

Yannick Gingras won six, Dexter Dunn won five; Corey Callahan, David Miller, Tim Tetrick also won, so fourteen of the fifteen Breeders Crown elimination races were won by drivers among the top seven in wins at Harrah's Chester.

7 of 8 elim winners PA-sired on Sat

13 of 15 on the weekend PA-sired elim winners

5 of 8 PaSS champions won elims

one had a bye

one (Capt Chaps Hanover, \$190.20 in PA Champ) didn't enter

the other was second (Southwind Ozzi)

Favorites were 5 for 15; average elim win price \$10.05