

BREEDERS CROWN DRIVER BIOS

JASON BARTLETT

Born: 4/24/1981 – Birthplace: Augusta, ME – Resides: Goshen, NY

Jason Bartlett has appeared in two Breeders Crown finals, with a best finish of third with Venus Delight in the 2015 Mare Pace.

Bartlett was born and raised in Maine, where he started his harness racing career before establishing himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway. He has won multiple driving titles at Yonkers.

On Oct. 19, Bartlett got career win 9,000, which he accomplished at Yonkers. He has earned more than \$124 million in purses in his career.

He ranks in the Top 10 in wins and purses this year. He has more than 370 victories and \$7 million in earnings.

Bartlett spent his formative years working with his grandfather, Dick Bartlett, and mother Sonia. He focused on basketball in high school and college but turned his talents to racing on a regular basis in the early 2000s. He received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2008.

He has twice represented the U.S. in the World Driving Championship. He finished sixth in 2009 and eighth in 2013.

JOE BONGIORNO

Born: 9/23/1993 – Birthplace: Red Bank, NJ – Resides: Millstone, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 1.

Joe Bongiorno won his first Breeders Crown final in 2019, guiding American History to victory in the Open Pace for trainer Tony Alagna.

In 2020, Bongiorno finished second by a nose with Play Trix On Me in the final for 3-year-old male trotters. Amigo Volo won the race.

Bongiorno debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016.

Last year, Bongiorno's biggest win was with Captain Barbossa in the Little Brown Jug. The victory came one day after Bongiorno's 27th birthday.

Bongiorno this year is nearing a career high in purses, with more than \$5.70 million. His best season was in 2019 when he picked up \$5.89 million in purses. His 333 wins in 2019 were the second most in his career, behind only his 399 in 2016.

For his career, Bongiorno has won more than 2,300 races and \$33 million in purses. He is the brother of trainer Jennifer Bongiorno.

Bongiorno was the 2010 Amateur Driver of the Year, awarded by the U.S. Harness Writers Association, and was USHWA Monticello-Goshen chapter's 2011 Rising Star Award winner.

DEXTER DUNN

Born: 9/1/1989 – Birthplace: New Zealand – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ

Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2020, 2019.

Breeders Crown trophies: 6.

Dexter Dunn in 2020 became the ninth driver in Breeders Crown history to win at least four finals in a year. Dunn won trophies with 3-year-old male trotter Amigo Volo and 2-year-old female pacer Fire Start Hanover for trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman, and with Kissin In The Sand in the Mare Pace and Manchego in the Mare Trot for trainer Nancy Takter.

All four of Dunn's Crown champs were Dan Patch Award winners. Dunn drove a total of six Dan Patch Award recipients in 2020.

In 2019, Dunn made his Breeders Crown finals debut and came away with two trophies. He won with Manchego in the Mare Trot and with Amigo Volo in the 2-year-old male trot final.

Dunn has been named Driver of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2019 and 2020. He led all drivers in North America in purses in 2020 with \$11.1 million and ranked seventh in wins with 394.

This year, Dunn is locked in a battle with Tim Tetrick for the No. 1 spot in purses. Both drivers have more than \$9.70 million in earnings. Dunn's top victory so far this season came at the Meadowlands in the Hambletonian Oaks with Bella Bellini.

A native of New Zealand, Dunn moved to the U.S. in the summer of 2018. Since arriving in the States, he has won more than 1,300 races and earned \$34 million in purses.

He led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. During that span, Dunn 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, representing New Zealand, won the 2015 World Driving Championship.

KASPER FOGET

Born: 12/13/1993 – Birthplace: Denmark – Resides: New Egypt, NJ

Kasper Foget is making his Breeders Crown debut.

Foget works as second trainer for Per Engblom in New Jersey and also drives some of the stable's horses. He has won 23 races and more than \$335,000 in purses.

His top win so far came in the 2020 Circle City Stakes with Sermon.

Foget made a name for himself as a top young driver in Europe prior to arriving in the States. His family owned racehorses and as Foget got older he began driving and working in a stable as a second trainer.

In 2018, Foget won the European Championship for Apprentices (under the age of 25) one year after finishing second in the competition.

YANNICK GINGRAS

Born: 8/4/1979 – Birthplace: Sorel, Quebec – Resides: Allentown, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2022. **Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2017, 2014.

Breeders Crown trophies: 24.

Yannick Gingras was elected to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in September. He will be inducted in July 2022, with trainers Ron Burke and George Teague Jr., as well as trainer-driver Chris Boring.

Gingras ranks sixth in Breeders Crown history with 24 trophies. He is third among active drivers, trailing Brian Sears (34) and David Miller (27). John Campbell holds the record with 48 victories in the series.

Seven times in his career Gingras has won multiple Breeders Crown trophies in a year. He has won at least one trophy each of the past nine years.

He won one Breeders Crown final in 2020, with 3-year-old female pacer Peaky Sneaky for trainer Nancy Takter. Peaky Sneaky defeated 2019 Dan Patch Award winner Lyons Sentinel and eventual 2020 Dan Patch winner Party Girl Hill, who suffered her only loss in 16 races.

Gingras finished second in three finals last year, with 3-year-old male pacer Tall Dark Stranger, 2-year-old female pacer JK Alwaysbalady, and 3-year-old female trotter Sorella.

Tall Dark Stranger, trained by Takter, was the 2020 Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year.

In 2017, Gingras won four Crowns in a year for the second time in his career. Among those victories, 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.

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.

For his career, Gingras has won more than 7,900 races and ranks sixth in all-time purses with \$200 million. He led the sport in earnings four consecutive years, 2014-17, and been no worse than third for the past nine seasons.

His top wins this year include the Yonkers Trot with Johan Palema and the Little Brown Jug with Lou's Pearlman.

Among his many accomplishments, Gingras is known for his association with pacer Foiled Again, who retired in 2018 as the richest horse in harness racing history, with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings. Foiled Again and Gingras won the 2013 Breeders Crown Open Pace in the mud at Pocono, beating Pet Rock by a nose after a memorable stretch drive.

A third-generation horseman from Quebec, Gingras arrived in the U.S. in 2001 and established himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway. In 2003, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association and in 2004 he moved his base to the Meadowlands. He has led the Big M in wins six times, most recently in 2020.

He has sat behind three Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year winners: Tall Dark Stranger in 2020, Hannelore Hanover in 2017, and JK She'salady in 2014.

In 2019, Gingras represented the U.S. in the World Driving Championship. He finished second behind the Netherlands' Rick Ebbinge.

JEFF GREGORY**Born: 9/8/1966 – Birthplace: Saratoga Springs, NY – Resides: New Smyrna Beach, FL****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

Jeff Gregory won the 2011 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters with Chapter Seven, trained by Linda Toscano. He also had a second-place finish that year with 2-year-old female pacer Handsoffmycookie and a third with 2-year-old female trotter For A Dancer.

In 2020, Gregory drove You Ato Dream in an elimination for 2-year-old female trotters. She went off stride and did not advance to the final.

Gregory grew up near Buffalo, N.Y., and started driving in matinees at the age of 14. He worked with his father, Gary, and drove horses in the family stable before branching out. He spent 10 years racing at Florida's Pompano Park during the winter and Vernon Downs in the summer. In 1997, he moved to the metro New York-New Jersey circuit.

In 2002, Gregory won the Yonkers Trot with Bubba Dunn. That same year, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Three years later, Gregory won the Hambletonian Oaks with Jalopy.

Gregory has won more than 6,900 races and \$74 million in purses as a driver, but in recent years has focused on training and driving his own stable of horses.

His wife, Helene, is an accomplished equestrian.

TREVOR HENRY**Born: 3/25/1971 – Birthplace: Fergus, Ontario – Resides: Arthur, Ontario**

Trevor Henry made his Breeders Crown debut in 2017 and has appeared in two finals. He finished fourth in both, with 3-year-old female trotter Only Take Cash and 3-year-old female pacer Sunny Dee in 2019.

Henry's biggest win of 2021 came in September with 3-year-old male pacer Desperate Man in the North America Cup.

He ranks among Canada's Top 10 drivers in both wins and purses this season, with more than 160 victories and \$3.48 million.

For his career, Henry has won more than 7,000 races and \$65 million in purses.

JAMES MacDONALD**Born: 1/10/1986 – Birthplace: Prince Edward Island – Resides: Guelph, Ontario**

James MacDonald made his Breeders Crown debut in 2012 and has raced in six finals. His top finish came in 2019 with 3-year-old male pacer Covered Bridge, who was sixth.

MacDonald is Canada's leading driver in wins, with more than 230, and purses, with more than \$6 million, this year. His top win so far this season came in the Maple Leaf Trot with Lindy The Great.

For his career, MacDonald has won more than 2,500 races and \$35 million in purses.

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 MacDONALD**Born: 12/9/1978 – Birthplace: Charlottetown, PEI – Resides: Goshen, NY****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2006, 2005.****Breeders Crown trophies: 3.**

Mark MacDonald has won three Breeders Crown finals, most recently in 2017 with pacing mare Pure Country. He won with older female pacer Moving Pictures in 2007 and 3-year-old male pacer Betterthancheddar in 2011.

Two of MacDonald's top wins this year have come at the Meadowlands, with Lawless Shadow in the Meadowlands Pace (by disqualification) and King Of The North in the Peter Haughton Memorial. He also won the William Wellwood Memorial with King Of The North at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

For his career, MacDonald has won more than 6,400 races and \$97 million in purses.

MacDonald, originally from Canada's Prince Edward Island, started going to the races when he was around 8 years old and had his first racehorse when he was 12. Just prior to his 17th birthday he left PEI for Windsor, Ontario, to pursue a career in harness racing. Two years later, his career started to take off when he attracted the attention of Hall of Fame trainer Bob McIntosh.

He was involved in a serious accident in 2004 but returned to be Canada's Driver of the Year in 2005 and 2006, setting Canadian records for wins in each year. He received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2005. He moved to the U.S. in 2012.

MacDonald's brothers Anthony and James also are drivers. James won the 2017 World Driving Championship, which was held in Canada.

PAUL MacDONELL

Born: 1/29/1963 – Birthplace: Oshawa, Ontario – Resides: Guelph, Ontario

Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame: Class of 2020.

O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2008.

Breeders Crown trophies: 8.

Paul MacDonell was the regular driver of Somebeachsomewhere, who was a Breeders Crown champion in 2008 on his way to Horse of the Year honors in the U.S. and Canada. Somebeachsomewhere, who shared Canada's Horse of the Year honor in 2007, won 20 of 21 career races.

He won his first Breeders Crown with Bay's Fella in the 1990 Open Pace at Pompano Park. He also won trophies with Dan Patch Award and/or O'Brien Award winners Billyjojimbob, Lifetime Dream, Village Jiffy, Duke Of York, and Jereme's Jet.

MacDonell has won more than 5,600 career races as a driver and \$111 million in purses. His earnings rank 19th among all drivers in history.

He saw a streak of 34 consecutive years with at least \$1 million in purses snapped in 2020 but has surpassed the million-dollar mark again this season.

Among other standouts driven by MacDonell was 2005 Canadian Horse of the Year Award recipient Admiral's Express.

ANDREW McCARTHY**Born: 3/31/1986 – Birthplace: Bathurst, Australia – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 4.**

Andy McCarthy in 2019 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 and 2-year-old filly pacer Reflect With Me for trainer Tony Alagna, pacing mare Caviart Ally for Brett Pelling, and 3-year-old colt pacer Dancin Lou for Tahnee Camilleri.

Ramona Hill, with McCarthy in the sulky regularly, was a Dan Patch Award winner in 2019 and 2002. Last year, Ramona Hill became the fourth filly trotter to win the Hambletonian since it moved to the Meadowlands in 1981 and the 15th overall to capture the sport's premier event for 3-year-old trotters.

This year, on Oct. 10, McCarthy won the Kentucky Futurity with Jujubee at Lexington's Red Mile. The Futurity is the third jewel in the Trotting Triple Crown.

A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced in North America since 2007. He has won more than 2,900 races and \$59 million in purses during that time.

McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brother Todd, who moved to the U.S. last year, and Luke, who raced in the U.S. in 2009, are successful drivers and his father John is a highly regarded trainer. The McCarthy family was selected by the Bathurst Harness Racing Club as its 2016 Gold Crown honoree.

A chance meeting with trainer Noel Daley inspired McCarthy to leave Australia and head to the U.S. in 2007. In his third lifetime drive in the States, McCarthy piloted Daley's Took Hanover to a 1:49 win an Open at the Meadowlands.

TODD McCARTHY**Born: 2/24/1993 – Birthplace: Australia – Resides: Bordentown, NJ**

Todd McCarthy, the younger brother of Andy McCarthy, is making his Breeders Crown debut. He moved to the U.S. at the end of August 2020.

McCarthy had contemplated leaving Australia to continue his career in North America for several years but watching his older brother Andy win four Breeders Crown trophies in 2019 helped convince him to do it.

Since arriving in the States, McCarthy has won more than 400 races and \$7 million in purses. Last year, his top victory came with Anoka Hanover in the Goldsmith Maid Stakes. Anoka Hanover received the Dan Patch Award for best 2-year-old female trotter.

This year, his wins include the Canadian Pacing Derby and divisions of the William R. Haughton Memorial and Sam McKee Memorial, all with Allywag Hanover. McCarthy ranks among the top 10 drivers in North America in purses and in the top 20 in wins.

McCarthy's accomplishments Down Under included winning the 2016 Australasian Young Drivers Championship and multiple New South Wales state and metropolitan premierships driving titles. He represented Australia at the 2019 World Driving Championship.

BOB McCLURE**Born: 9/26/1990 – Birthplace: Orangeville, Ontario – Resides: Rockwood, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2020.****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

Bob McClure got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2020 by driving On A Streak to victory for trainer Luc Blais in the final for 2-year-old male trotters.

McClure finished No. 1 in purses in Canada in 2020 with \$6.67 million. He was sixth in wins with 232. McClure has been no worse than eighth in purses in Canada each of the past five years, including second in 2018 and third in 2019.

He led Canada in wins in 2017 and 2016 and was third in 2018 and 2015. He raced primarily at Canada's "B" tracks before moving to the main stage of the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit in December 2017.

In 2019, McClure won the Hambletonian in his first try, guiding Forbidden Trade to the win for trainer Blais. Forbidden Trade was named Canada's Horse of the Year.

For his career, McClure has won more than 2,900 races and \$33 million in purses.

McClure's uncle, Jim McClure, won more than 4,100 races in his driving career.

ANDY MILLER**Born: 9/7/1968 – Birthplace: Mattoon, IL – Resides: Millstone Township, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

Andy Miller 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.

In 2009, Miller teamed with his wife, trainer Julie Miller, to win a Breeders Crown with Lucky Jim in the Open Trot at the Meadowlands.

Team Miller has four second-place Breeders Crown final finishes in the past four years.

Last year, the Millers finished third with Venerate, who went on to be named the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male trotter.

For his career, Miller has won more than 9,700 races, ranking 20th in North American history, and earned more than \$133 million in purses, ranking 12th in history.

Andy and Julie were married in 1996 and started their harness racing stable the same year. Their son Tyler (T.J.) started driving on a regular basis in 2020.

Miller began driving at the age of 16 on the Illinois fairs circuit. He was a top driver in Chicago before moving to the East Coast in 2006.

He has twice represented the U.S. in the World Driving Championship, finishing fourth in 2005 and sixth in 2007.

Miller's brother Erv was the Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year in 2005 and ranks among the sport's top four in all-time training purses and wins.

BRETT MILLER**Born: 8/19/1973 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Blacklick, OH****Breeders Crown trophies: 3.**

Brett Miller got his first Breeders Crown trophy 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 for trainer Jimmy Takter.

His second came in 2016 with Racing Hill in the final for 3-year-old male pacers and the third in 2017 with Split The House in the Open Pace.

In April, Miller got career win 9,000 at Miami Valley Raceway. Miller ranked sixth in victories in North America in 2020, with 411, and was fifth in 2019, with 520.

He is nearly to \$100 million in career purses.

Miller followed his grandfathers and dad, Del S. Miller, into the sport. He participated in his first matinee race at the age of 14 at a fair, and won with a horse trained by his cousin, David Miller. In 1992, Miller got his first pari-mutuel win with a horse trained by his father.

He was a leading driver in Ohio before turning his attention to the East Coast. He won the Meadowlands Racetrack driving title for the 2016-17 meet. He returned to Ohio in 2019 and has captured driving titles at Dayton and Miami Valley

DAVID MILLER**Born: 12/10/1964 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Cream Ridge, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2014.**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2016, 2015, 2003.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 27.

David Miller ranks No. 2 among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 27, and is tied for fourth all time in the series. He trails John Campbell (48), Brian Sears (34), and Ron Pierce (30). He is tied with Mike Lachance.

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 has won multiple Breeders Crown finals in a year seven times in his career.

Last year, Miller won three finals. His triumphs came with Century Farroh in the Open Pace for trainer Ian Moore, Lady Chaos in the 2-year-old filly trot for Linda Toscano, and Perfect Sting in the 2-year-old colt-and-gelding pace for Joe Holloway.

Perfect Sting's victory came in a dead heat with Summa Cum Laude and was the first dead-heat for win in Breeders Crown history. Perfect Sting, who was 10-for-10 last year and a Dan Patch Award winner, became the first 2-year-old male pacer in history to capture a Crown and finish his season unbeaten.

Miller won his first Crown in 2000 with Magician in the Open Trot.

He won Breeders Crown titles with two Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year honorees, No Pan Intended in 2003 and Always B Miki in 2016. Miller won the 3-year-old colt-and-gelding pace with No Pan Intended and the Open Pace with Always B Miki. He also won the Open Pace in 2015 with Always B Miki, who is the most recent horse to win that event in consecutive years.

Miller's wins this year include the Mohawk Million, Jim Doherty Memorial, and Peaceful Way, all with Venerable.

He ranks No. 2 among all drivers in harness racing history in purses with \$259 million and is No. 5 in wins with more than 13,400. He has ranked among the top five in earnings 21 of the past 22 years and is again in the top five this season.

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.

He represented the U.S. in the 1999 World Driving Championship and finished fifth.

DAN NOBLE**Born: 1/15/2983 – Birthplace: Kettering, OH – Resides: Xenia, OH**

Dan Noble is making his Breeders Crown debut.

His father, the late Ohio Hall of Famer Sam "Chip" Noble III, finished second with Concussion in the 1988 Breeders Crown final for 3-year-old colt pacers.

Noble, who is one of the top drivers on the Ohio circuit, was North America's leading driver in wins in 2011 with 773. He ranks in the Top 15 this year with more than 325 victories. His biggest triumphs so far this year include the Dayton Derby and Jim Ewart Memorial with pacer Ocean Rock.

For his career, Noble has won more than 6,400 races and \$44 million in purses.

CHRIS PAGE**Born: 11/20/1983 – Birthplace: Mount Vernon, OH – Resides: Mount Vernon, OH**

Chris Page made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018 and has appeared in nine finals. His best finishes came in 2018, fourths with Rockin Ron in the Open Pace and Baron Remy in the final for 3-year-old female pacers.

Page, who has captured multiple driving titles at Scioto Downs, has more than 5,700 wins in his career and \$52 million in purses.

He is sixth in wins in North America this year with more than 390.

Page 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.

JOEY PUTNAM**Born: 1/2/1998 – Birthplace: Flint, MI – Resides: Pendleton, IN**

Joey Putnam has appeared in one Breeder Crown final, finishing sixth in the 2020 Mare Pace with Rockin Nola.

Putnam, the son of trainer-driver Joe Putnam, began driving in 2017. He is enjoying his best season in 2021, with more than 130 wins and \$1.65 million in purses. It is his second consecutive million-dollar season.

While growing up, Putnam helped his father around the farm, but it wasn't until he got closer to graduating high school that he started to get serious about driving.

His father has won more than 3,000 races as a driver and more than 1,300 as a trainer.

BRIAN SEARS**Born: 1/21/1968 – Birthplace: Fort Lauderdale, FL – Resides: Secaucus, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2017.**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2009.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 34.

Brian Sears leads active drivers in wins in Breeders Crown finals with 34 and is second all time in the history of the series. Sears trails only John Campbell (48).

Sears won at least one Breeders Crown trophy for 12 consecutive years, 2003 through 2014. He has won multiple finals in a year 10 times.

He won two Breeders Crown finals in 2020, his third consecutive year with multiple trophies. He also won two in 2019 and three in 2018.

His triumphs in 2020 came with Gimpanzee for trainer Marcus Melander in the Open Trot and Summa Cum Laude for trainer Ron Burke in the event for 2-year-old male pacers. Summa Cum Laude finished in a dead heat with Perfect Sting, the first dead heat for win in Breeders Crown history.

Gimpanzee's triumph was his third career Crown. He became the fifth trotter in history to win at least three trophies.

Sears got his first Breeders Crown trophy with 3-year-old female trotter Stroke Play in 2003. He won a total of 19 trophies in the next six years. He won four Crowns in each 2004 and 2005, and three in each 2006, 2008 and 2009. He had two victories in 2007.

In his career, Sears has driven four Horse of the Year Award winners: Rocknroll Hanover in 2005, Muscle Hill in 2009, Bee A Magician in 2013, and McWicked in 2018. All were Breeders Crown champs for Sears, with Muscle Hill, Bee A Magician, and McWicked being two-time titlists.

Sears has won more than 10,300 races and \$205 million in purses. He ranks 18th in North American history for wins among drivers and fifth in purses. He led the sport in earnings in 2005, with a then-record \$15 million.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Sears is a third-generation horseman, following in the footsteps of his grandfather Gene and dad Jay. Both are in the Florida Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

Sears was the 1991 Rising Star Award recipient from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

TIM TETRICK**Born: 11/22/1981 – Birthplace: Flora, IL – Resides: Woolwich Township, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2020.**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 21.

Tim Tetrick is fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 21 and is No. 7 all time in the series. He collected one trophy in 2020, with Jim Campbell-trained Next Level Stuff in the final for 3-year-old female trotters. He finished second in four other finals.

Tetrick won a career-high four Breeders Crown finals in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack, including the Open Trot with Chapter Seven. At the end of the season, Chapter Seven was voted Horse of the Year.

He won multiple trophies five other years, most recently in 2018.

In 2014, Tetrick drove 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady to wins in her Breeders Crown elimination and final. She was named 2014 Horse of the Year.

He got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2007 with Artistic Fella in the Open Pace.

Tetrick ranks No. 3 among all drivers in history in purses with \$237 million and No. 8 in wins with more than 12,400.

This year, Tetrick's wins include the Adios with Hellabalou and Juliette with Scarlett Hanover. He is the regular driver of Lyons Sentinel, the sport's No. 1-ranked horse.

In 2007, Tetrick won a single-season-record 1,189 races and was named the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award winner as well as Driver of the Year. That season he became the first driver to lead the sport in both wins and purses (a then-record \$18.3 million) in the same year since 1991.

Tetrick led the sport in purses seven consecutive years (2007 through 2013) and was No. 1 again in 2018 and 2019. He is among the sport's leaders in wins this year and is looking to finish among the top 10 in victories for the 17th consecutive year.

He represented the U.S. in the 2015 World Driving Championship and finished third.

Tetrick grew up in Illinois and followed his father, Tom D. Tetrick, into the sport. Brothers Tom T. and Trace also are involved in harness racing. Trace is the all-time leader in wins at Hoosier Park, where he has won eight driving titles including the past six in a row.

SCOTT ZERON**Born: 5/23/1989 – Birthplace: Montreal, Quebec – Resides: Campbell Hall, NY****Breeders Crown trophies: 3.**

Scott Zeron pulled off the biggest upset in Breeders Crown history in 2020, guiding Sandbetweenmytoes to victory for trainer Jim Campbell at odds of nearly 204-1 in the final for 3-year-old male pacers.

He 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.

Zeron got career win 4,000 in July at Yonkers Raceway. He has earned \$85 million in lifetime purses. His top win so far this season came with Monte Miki in the Metro Pace.

He twice led 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 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 Continentalvictory 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 set a career high with \$8.91 million in purses in 2016. He also won the Meadowlands Racetrack driving title.