

TROTTING MARES

HYPNOTIC AM (4YO, Chapter Seven – Daydream AM S)



Won her first seven starts at two, including the Doherty Final and the NYSS final, before finishing 2-3 in the Crown as favorite both weeks. At three, first or second in 10 of 13; repeated as a NYSS champion and won the Empire Breeders Classic, second in the Hambo Oaks, and 2-4 in the Crown. This year, second in the Graduate Final after a preliminary win, second in the Hambletonian Maturity, and third in the Allerage. Conditioned by 2019 Trainer of the Year Marcus Melander, who trained 2019 Trotter of the Year Greenshoe and his successor last year Gimpanzee. Andres Strom is the breeder (as Courant Inc.) and owner (as Courant AB), another in a long list of top horses of his that as an owner includes 2012 divisional Crown winner Tamar Celeber S. Took a bye into the Crown Championship.

WESLYNN QUEST (5YO, Manofmanymissions – Weslynn Legacy)



Unraced at two. Her major accomplishment has been trotting the fastest mile ever on a half-mile track, 1:50.4, at Northfield Park in the Aldrich Trot this past August 14. She has been the Ohio Trotting Mares Champion the last two years, and has been stakes-placed in the Miss Versatility Trotting Series. Bred by 1788938 Ontario LTD. Purchased on June 14 of this year by John Barnard and Buckstone Land Limestone, and exactly two months later their acquisition set the record at Northfield Park. Has been trained since her purchase by Per Engblom, on his own as a trainer for less than three years but already the

conditioner of the winners of \$5.5 million, including the fast free-for-aller Beads. Took a bye into the Crown Championship.

SORELLA (4YO, Muscle Hill – Kadealia)



This filly won two Pennsylvania Sire Stakes at two, then blossomed into top form in 2020, taking her mark winning the Hambletonian Oaks, and also the Matron, the Bluegrass, and finishing 3-2 in the Crown, all of which earned her an O'Brien award for her division. This year she finished second three times in the Miss Versatility Series and second, beaten less than a length, to When Doves Cry in the Armbro Flight. Bred by Elmer Fannin, and purchased as a yearling by Fannin and four-time Crown winners Crawford Farms; later Brett Fannin was added to the ownership. Trainer Nancy Takter, who also has Atlanta in this division, is in the top ten as a conditioner with seven Crown wins.

RAMONA HILL (4YO, Muscle Hill – Look Down Lindy)



Delighted the trotting world last year when the filly beat "the boys" as the favorite in the Hambletonian eliminations and the final, the latter in 1:50.1 (the Oaks winner, Sorella, is also in this race). Also won the Elegant Image, Simcoe, and Del Miller en route to her second straight Dan Patch award as champion of her division; she earned the first by going six for seven as a freshman, losing her Crown elimination before rebounding to win the Championship. Trained by Tony Alagna, a six-time Crown-winning trainer. Bred by Crawford Farms, and owned by Crawford (four Crown winners), Brad Grant (three winners), Robert Leblanc, and In The Gym Partners.

THANKFUL NO (6, Muscle Hill – Peaceful Way)



The “NO” in her name designates her Norwegian affiliations: bred by Svein Seljard, and campaigned by the American Viking Racing Stable of Trond Smedshammer, five times a Crown winner as a trainer. Her dam Peaceful Way is a member of the sport’s Hall Of Fame and won O’Brien awards from two to five, adding Dan Patch awards the latter two years, in a racetrack career where she earned \$2.7 million, then was exported to Norway in 2013. Thankful NO earned \$163,000 racing in Europe, primarily Scandinavia, before being brought Stateside, where before the Crown elim she had won at Yonkers in 1:54.2 and then 1:53.

REFINED (5, Uncle Peter – Reinvent)



Bred by the Walnut Hall Stock Farm of Katherine and Dr. James Sautter, and owned by Larry Wills in partnership with previous Crown winner Joyce McClelland; the pair acquired her in May of this year. Trained by Virgil Morgan, who is fast approaching 7000 career training victories while ranking second only behind Ron Burke; this is her second stay in the Morgan barn. An eight-time winner in the top Ohio mare ranks this season, she took her mark of 1:51.3f at Scioto on September 17, and was second, beaten

only three-quarters of a length, in Weslynn Quest's 1:50.4 win in the Aldrich at Northfield – the fastest mile ever trotted on a half-mile track.

FELICITYSHAGWELL S (6YO, Maharajah - Diaz Boko)



Bred by Manken AB and Verrazzano AB and owned by Knutsson Trotting Inc. (Tristan Sjoberg), she is by Maharajah, winner of France's prestigious Prix d'Amérique in 2014. Trained and driven by master Swedish horseman Åke Svanstedt, who amazingly has never won a Breeders Crown event, either from the barn or in the sulky. Felicityshagwell S is lightly-raced for a six-year-old (47 lifetime starts), and has been in against the best competition North America has had to offer since crossing the Atlantic last year; she took her lifetime mark of 1:51.1 in her first North American victory, at Lexington last season, and this year hit the board in four of five Miss Versatility preliminaries before finishing third in the final.

WHEN DOVESCRY (5YO, Muscle Hill – Cedar Dove)



Tricky spelling – careful! By the great Muscle Hill out of millionaire dam Cedar Dove. Bred by William Weaver III; owner John Lengacher had bought into the mare in 2020, and became outright owner in March of this year; trainer Brett Pelling, who's had her last year and this, ranks fifth in championships (11) and seventh in money alltime. At two, won in Crown elim, second in final. At three, Dan Patch divisional awardwinner; 2-2 in the Crown; won Hambletonian Oaks elim and final, Bluegrass, and second

straight Matron. At four, third in the Crown (no elim). At five, winner of four legs and the final of the Miss Versatility, and the Armbro Flight. Has won over \$300,000 in Crown without a championship.

NEXT LEVEL STUFF (4YO, Sebastian K S – Nantab)



Bred and owned by Scott Farber's Runthetable Stables; trained by Jim Campbell, a six-time Crown champion who stands #6 in the all-time moneywinning tables as a trainer. At two, a five-time winner in Pennsylvania stakes action. Achieved career form at the end of her three-year-old season, winning her Crown elim and then the Crown Final in 1:52, which sets the stakes record. Also took her mark in a late-season race, going 1:51.3 in the Bluegrass at The Red Mile. At four, her biggest wins have come in two legs of the Miss Versatility series.

ATLANTA (6YO, Chapter Seven - Hemi Blue Chip)



NEVER HAS WON A BREEDERS CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP. That may be the hardest thing to accept about this storied mare, who has nonetheless won over \$300,000 in Crown competition, including her elimination, which also boosted her lifetime win rate over 50% (31-61). Bred by the Order By Stable of Stefan Balazsi; owned by Crawford Farms Racing, Brad Grant, and Howard Taylor, who have 11 Crowns

among them, two of Taylor's coming in this division with Buck I St Pat. A millionaire Dan Patch Trotter of the Year at three, winning the Hambletonian Final; her best Crown finish with a second in the final. Won a Dan Patch and an O'Brien at four; at four and five she raced in the Crown Open event against males – at four third to Bold Eagle and Six Pack; at five third to Gimpanzee and Crystal Fashion. Won the Allera at Lexington this year in 1:49, a world record in her group and only a tick off of Homicide Hunter's fastest trotting mile ever. Trainer Ron Burke has campaigned her at four, five, and six; Burke has 13 Crown Championships and \$7.7M in earnings for second in the all-time ranks.