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PURSE \$655000. BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL - 3 YEAR OLD FILLIES. (PURSE \$500,000 U.S.)
1 MILE

GREEN WARM-UP PAD (Woodbine Mohawk Park 26-OCT-2019)

MUTUEL RATINGS: 5-1-3-6

ASK FOR HORSE BY PROGRAM NUMBER

Table with columns: Date, Race#, Track, CCndVar, Class, Purse, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Finish, PP, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Stretch, Finish, Last 1/4, Time, \$Odds, Driver, #Starters, First, Second, Third. Rows include horses like THE ICE DUTCHESS, MISS TRIXTON, ASIAGO, SWEET CHAPTER, WHEN DOVESCRY, WINNEDIE, GRIMMIE HANOVER, SEASIDE BLISS, ONLY TAKE CASH, and DARK AS A POCKET.

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ALSO ELIGIBLE: In the Event of a Scratch, Horse Below Moves In and Takes Post Position of Scratched Horse Unless Otherwise Announced

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Sep17	¹ Wshb ³ / ₈ ¹² Ft	Nw1r7000lcd	15000	:29	1:00 ³	1:30 ³	1:59 ²	8	8 ¹⁴ / ₁₆	8 ⁰⁵	.4 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	3 ¹	:28 ¹	1:59 ³	13.45	MJSaftic	10	ShotgunPreacher	TennesseeTitan	GoTime
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BREEDERS CROWN THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT CHAMPIONS 1984-2018

Year	Champion	Sire	Breeders	Owners	Trainer	Driver	Time	Purse	Host Track
2018	Lily Stride, b.f.	Muscle Hill	Jorgen Jahre Jr.	Emilio & Maria Rosati	Mark Harder	Tim Tetrick	1:53.2f	\$550,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2017	Ariana G b.f. ♦	Muscle Hill	Marvin Katz & Al Libfeld	Marvin Katz & Al Libfeld	Jimmy Takter	Yannick Gingras	1:54.3	\$500,000	Hoosier Park
2016	Broadway Donna b.f. ♦	Donato Hanover	Fashion Farms LLC	Fashion Farms LLC	Jim Campbell	David Miller	1:53.1	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2015	Wild Honey b.f.	Cantab Hall	Lindy Racing Stable	C Takter, J Fielding & H Liverman	Jimmy Takter	John Campbell	1:54.3	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2014	Shake It Cerry b.f. ♦♦	Donato Hanover	Solveig's Breeders	Solveig's Racing Partners	Jimmy Takter	Ron Pierce	1:52.2	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2013	Bee A Magician b.f. ♦♦♦	Kadabra	White Birch Farm	Mel Hartman, Dave McDuffee & Herb Liverman	R. "Nifty" Norman	Brian Sears	1:52.4f	\$500,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2012	Maven b.f.	Glidemaster	All La Nuova Sbarra SRL	William J. Donovan	Jonas Czernyson	Yannick Gingras	1:54s	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2011	Cedar Dove, br.f. ♦	Andover Hall	Robert Anderson & Rod Ferguson	John Fielding & Adam Victor & Son Stb.	Noel Daley	Ron Pierce	1:53.3s	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2010	Impressive Kemp br.f.	Credit Winner	Ala-Seppala, Stewart, & Est. of J. Taylor	Jean E. Cloutier	Noel Daley	Ron Pierce	1:54.4f	\$500,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2009	Broadway Schooner b.f. ♦	Broadway Hall	Arlene & Jules Siegel	Arlene & Jules Siegel	Jim Campbell	Brian Sears	1:56s	\$650,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2008	Kadealia, b.f.	Kadabra	Little E LLC	Elmer G Fannin	George Teague	Tim Tetrick	1:56.1	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2007	Southwind Serena, br.f.	Varenne	Southwind Farm	Andrea Lea Racing Stable	Per Henriksen	Yannick Gingras	1:55.2	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2006	Susie's Magic b.f.	Dream Vacation	Lindy Racing Stb & Perretti Farms	L & L Devisser & William Jones	Anthony O'Sullivan	David Miller	1:55.4s	\$500,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2005	Blur, b.f. ♦	Muscles Yankee	Amanda & Jason Goldstein	Barry Goldstein	Trond Smedshammer	Brian Sears	1:56.1	\$500,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2004	Housethatruthbuilt b.f. ♦	Muscles Yankee	Kimberly & Lawrence Burriss	Patricia Spinelli & Ted Gewertz	Trond Smedshammer	Brian Sears	1:53.3s	\$550,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2003	Stroke Play b.f. ♦	Yankee Glide	Tom Crouch	Jorgen Jahre, Jr.	Trond Smedshammer	Brian Sears	1:55.2	\$525,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2002	Cameron Hall b.f. ♦	Garland Lobell	Walnut Hall Limited & Claudean Conway	Erkki Laakkonen	Bob Stewart	Trevor Ritchie	1:55.4s	\$592,500	Woodbine Racetrack
2001	Syrinx Hanover b.f. ♦♦	Lindy Lane	Hanover Shoe Farms	Need To Know Stables	Chris Marino	John Campbell	1:55.1s	\$450,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2000	Aviano, br.f.	Pine Chip	Katherine & James Sautter	Armstrong Bros.	Bill Wellwood	Trevor Ritchie	1:56s	\$450,000	Mohawk Racetrack
1999	Oolong, b. f. ♦	Armbro Goal	Castleton & Steinbrenner	Jason, P H, Lost Revenue & Rich N Poor	Per Henriksen	Ron Pierce	1:56s	\$450,000	Mohawk Raceway
1998	Lassie's Goal b.f.	Armbro Goal	Continental Farms of NJ	Rompaway Fms & Waldo Frankenstein	Mark O'Mara	Mark O'Mara	1:54.3z	\$490,000	Colonial Downs
1997	No Nonsense Woman br.f. ♦	Sierra Kosmos	Bianchi & Solomon	Jim Doherty & Helen & Frank Rubinetti	Jim Doherty	Jim Doherty	1:56.2f	\$375,000	Mohawk Raceway
1996	Personal Banner b.f.	Royal Prestige	Castleton Farm	Gina Biasuzzi Stable	Bill Gallagher	Peter Wrenn	1:54.1q	\$350,000	Vernon Downs
1995	Lookout Victory b.f.	Valley Victory	Brittany Farms	Olle Leven	Per Eriksson	John Patterson Jr.	1:57.3s	\$325,000	Woodbine Racetrack
1994	Imageofa Clear Day ch.f.	Balanced Image	Cantario Farms	Earl A. Scheelar	Doug McIntosh	Bill O'Donnell	1:55.2	\$375,000	Garden State Park
1993	Expressway Hanover b.f.	Prakas	Hanover Shoe Farms	Spears, Eisenhauer & Tortorice	Per Henriksen	Per Henriksen	1:55.4f	\$300,000	Pompano Harness
1992	Imperfection, ch.f. ♦	Nearly Perfect	High Society Racing Stable	Imperfection Stable	Ron Gurfein	Mike Lachance	1:57f	\$300,000	Pompano Harness
1991	Twelve Speed, b.f.	Baltic Speed	Castleton Farm	Alwin Schockemoehle	Mark Loewe	Ron Waples	1:57f	\$413,406	Pompano Harness
1990	Me Maggie, b.f. ♦	Prakas	Castleton, New Bond St & Dawson	Arden Homestead Stb	Jan Johnson	Berndt Lindstedt	1:57.1f	\$378,933	Pompano Harness
1989	Peace Corps, b.f. ♦♦	Baltic Speed	Dancer & Rose Hild Breeding Farm	AB Gnagget	Tom Haughton	John Campbell	1:57f	\$335,701	Pompano Harness
1988	Nalda Hanover, b.f.	Super Bowl	Hanover Shoe Farms	Gina Biasuzzi Stable	Soren Nordin	Mickey McNichol	2:02h	\$351,506	Rosecroft Raceway
1987	Armbro Fling, b.f. ♦	Speedy Crown	Armstrong Bros.	Armstrong Bros.	George Sholty	George Sholty	1:57.3f	\$390,662	Pompano Harness
1986	JEF's Spice, b.f. ♦	Super Bowl	JEF's Stbd C.C.	JEF's Stbd C.C. & North Woodland Stb	Jim Gluhm	Bill O'Donnell	1:59h	\$470,850	Freehold Raceway
1985	Armbro Devona b.f. ♦	Speedy Crown	Armstrong Bros.	Lenavitt, Birndorf, Frankel & Jend Ent.	Chuck Sylvester	Bill O'Donnell	1:57.3f	\$418,553	Pompano Harness
1984	Fancy Crown, b.f. ♦♦♦	Speedy Crown	Dale & Floyd Miller	Fancy Crown Stable	Ted Andrews	Bill O'Donnell	1:59.2h	\$365,000	Rosecroft Raceway

♦ Indicates USTA/USHWA divisional champion; ♦♦ Pacer or Trotter of the Year; ♦♦♦ Horse of the Year



THREE-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROT RECORDS

Stakes Record	1:52.2	Shake It Cerry (2014 The Meadowlands)
Fastest first quarter clocking	:26	Silver Springs (2004 Woodbine Racetrack)
Fastest first half clocking	:55.2	Bee A Magician (2013 Pocono Downs)
Fastest three-quarter clocking	1:24.0	Bee A Magician (2013 Pocono Downs)
Fastest last half by winner	:56	Shake It Cerry (2014 The Meadowlands)
Fastest last quarter by winner	:27 :27.2z	Southwind Serena (2007 The Meadowlands) Lassie's Goal (2p1) (1998 Colonial Downs)
Record purse	Cdn \$861,111 US \$542,500	Cameron Hall (2002 Woodbine Racetrack)
Leading Driver	5	Brian Sears (2003, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013)
Leading Trainer	3	Trond Smedshammer (2003, 2004, 2005) Jimmy Taker (2014, 2015, 2017)
Highest Win Price	\$152.00	Kadealia (2008 The Meadowlands)
Lowest Win Price	\$2.10	Bee A Magician (2013 Pocono Downs)
Highest Exacta Price	\$1,908.80	Twelve Speed & A Treat (1991 Pompano Park)
Lowest Exacta Price	\$3.40	Peace Corps & Peach Pit (1989 Pompano Park)
Biggest Margin of Victory	7 Lengths	Lookout Victory (1995 Woodbine)
Smallest Margin of Victory	Head	Susie's Magic over Pure Ivory (2006 Woodbine Racetrack) Personal Banner over Moni Maker (1996 Vernon Downs) Imageofa Clear Day over Jailhouse Rock (1994 Garden State Park)



ROAD TO THE 2019 BREEDERS CROWN
\$500,000 Three Year Old Filly Trot
 Saturday, October 26 – Woodbine Mohawk Park
 Campbellville, Ontario

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Race Track</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 19	Breeders Crown Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	MILLIES POSSESSION	1:53.0
October 19	Breeders Crown Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	THE ICE DUCHESS	1:53.0
October 6	Kentucky Filly Fut Final	The Red Mile	BEAUTIFUL SIN	1:50.1
September 29	Bluegrass Series	The Red Mile	BEAUTIFUL SIN	1:50.4
September 29	Bluegrass Series	The Red Mile	WHEN DOVESCRY	1:50.1
September 20	The Moni Maker	Hoosier Park	EVIDENT BEAUTY	1:53.3
September 18	The Buckette	Delaware County Fair	Sophia Lia	1:54.3
September 14	Elegantimage Final	Woodbine Mohawk	EVIDENT BEAUTY	1:53.0
September 6	Simcoe Div	Woodbine Mohawk	WHEN DOVESCRY	1:54.4
September 6	Simcoe Div	Woodbine Mohawk	SISTERS PROMISE	1:53.4
August 31	Hudson Filly Final	Yonkers Raceway	GOLDEN TRICKS	1:56.0
August 17	Zweig Memorial (Filly)	Vernon Downs	THE ICE DUCHESS	1:52.4
August 17	Zweig Consolation (Filly)	Vernon Downs	SPECIAL HONOR	1:53.4
August 7	The Horseman	Indiana State Fair	Kota's Swan	1:55.2
August 3	Hambletonian Oaks	Meadowlands	WHEN DOVESCRY	1:50.2
August 2	Continentalvictory	Meadowlands	Gobi Princess	1:53.2
August 2	Continentalvictory	Meadowlands	THE ICE DUCHESS	1:51.1
July 27	Hambletonian Oaks Elim	Meadowlands	MILLIES POSSESSION	1:52.3
July 27	Hambletonian Oaks Elim	Meadowlands	WHEN DOVESCRY	1:51.3
July 20	Tompkins Geers Div	Meadowlands	SEASIDE BLISS	1:51.4
July 20	Tompkins Geers Div	Meadowlands	GOLDEN TRICKS	1:52.2
July 13	Del Miller Mem Div	Meadowlands	EVIDENT BEAUTY	1:52.3
July 13	Del Miller Mem Div	Meadowlands	MILLIES POSSESSION	1:53.2
July 6	Reynolds Div	Meadowlands	MILLIES POSSESSION	1:51.1
July 6	Reynolds Div	Meadowlands	STARITA	1:53.3
July 6	Reynolds Div	Meadowlands	CLOUD NINE FASHION	1:54.1
June 1	Currier & Ives	The Meadows	Keystone Abbey	1:56.3
May 4	Lady Suffolk	Freehold Raceway	Magical Beliefs	1:57.4

All caps mean eligible to the Crown.

In harness racing, it all comes down to the Breeders Crown.

THE ICE DUTCHESS

(bay filly, 3, Muscle Hill – The Ice Queen – Conway Hall)

Owners: Coyote Wynd Farms, Vancouver, BC (John Floren)

Trainer: Nancy Johansson

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Breeder: Stephen Dey, Allentown, NJ; David Reid, Briarcliff Manor, NY

The Ice Dutchess rose to prominence on Hambletonian Day 2018 when she upended her then-stablemate and odds-on favourite Beautiful Sin to win the \$357,450 Jim Doherty Memorial. She followed that victory a month later with a 1:54.2 win in the \$385,000 Peaceful Way Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park but then slowly lost her edge on the division.

In the second week of Grand Circuit at The Red Mile The Ice Dutchess lost as the 4-5 favourite to When Dovescry, who went on to win the Hambletonian Oaks. The Ice Dutchess' last starts of the season came in the Breeders Crown Two-Year-Old Filly Trot, finishing second in the elimination as the 1-2 favourite but finishing sixth to Woodside Charm (who retired earlier this year due to heart issues).

Trained by Jimmy Takter before his retirement, The Ice Dutchess shifted to his daughter's, Nancy Johansson's, barn. She made her three-year-old debut on May 17 at The Meadowlands where she ripped off cover with a :27 final quarter to win in 1:52. She however struggled to match that form through most of the year.

The Ice Dutchess failed to qualify for the Hambletonian Oaks, but two weeks later won with ease in the \$135,000 Zweig Filly Trot. She then raced thrice at Woodbine Mohawk Park—breaking stride in the Casual Breeze, finishing second as the favourite in a division of Simcoe and finishing ninth in the \$376,000 Eleganimage Final. Coming into the Breeders Crown eliminations she added Lasix at The Red Mile and rounded into form the second week to finish second in the \$267,000 Kentucky Filly Futurity coincidentally to Beautiful Sin (now trained by Ake Svanstedt) in 1:50.1.

Driver Yannick Gingras—winning 21 Breeders Crown events in his career—sent The Ice Dutchess to the lead in her next start—the Breeders Crown elimination—and strolled to a 1:53 victory by one-and-three-quarter lengths.

"She's been good for a few starts and Nancy's got her figured out gait-wise," Gingras said after the elimination. "She's as good as she's going to get and it's just a matter of getting her in the right spot. I think in Lexington last week she raced really good, just missed [in the Kentucky Filly Futurity], and she was good tonight."

With the retirement of her father, Johansson inherited several of Jimmy Takter's stable stars as did his stable's leading man Per Engblom. But Johansson has two Breeders Crown wins to her credit: JK Shesalady winning the Two-Year-Old Filly Pace in 2014 and Captain Crunch winning the Two-Year-Old Colt Pace in 2018. She heads into the 2019 Breeders Crown riding a career-best year with \$3.6 million in purses.

John Floren's Coyote Wynd Farms will make its second Breeders Crown appearance with The Ice Dutchess being its first finalist last year.

Breeders Stephen Dey and David Reid also bred Ice Attraction, who finished second in the 2017 Three-Year-Old Filly Trot. Both have yet to breed a Breeders Crown winner.

MISS TRIXTON

(brown filly, 3, Trixton – Possess The Magic – Self Possessed)

Owners: Order By Stable, Boras, Sweden (Stefan Balazsi)

Trainer: Marcus Melander

Driver: Mattias Melander

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms Inc., Hanover, PA

Miss Trixton made little impression as a two-year-old but wedged herself into Grand Circuit competition as a sophomore. From the first crop of Trixton, the filly did not break her maiden until her first start as a three-year-old—following a 10-start freshman campaign.

Banking only \$15,000 as a two-year-old, Miss Trixton—a \$105,000 yearling purchase—quietly collected cheques all through her three-year-old season. She began the year with even efforts leading to a fourth-place finish in the \$200,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes final and later finished third in the \$124,000 Del Miller Memorial (to Evident Beauty). She then qualified for the Hambletonian Oaks and swept down the center of the course to finish fourth from post 10 in the \$500,000 final.

Miss Trixton once again enters a rich final off a sly-qualifying effort in the elimination. She closed again down the center of the track to snag fifth in her Breeders Crown elimination (to Millies Possesion).

Trainer Marcus Melander—named “Rising Star” by USHWA in 2018—broke onto the US scene with his first million-dollar season in 2017. The Sweden native—nephew to Hambletonian winner Stefan Melander (2001, Scarlet Knight) started in the US working for Jimmy Takter and sent his first horse to the track in 2014.

Brian Sears drove Miss Trixton for most of her career, but with Sears opting to drive Winndevie Marcus' brother Mattias Melander will make his Breeders Crown debut.

Owner Order By Stable will try to win its first Breeders Crown win. It came closest to victory in 2008 with Holiday Credit finishing second in the Three-Year-Old Colt Trot.

Breeder Order By Stable (Stefan Balazsi) was recognized at the Dan Patch Awards as Breeder of the Year for 2018. Order By Stable collected its first Breeders Crown trophy when Gimpanzee won last year's 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot'

Breeder Hanover Shoe Farms leads all breeders in harness racing in Breeders Crown earnings with \$16.8 million earned in eliminations and finals.

ASIAGO

(bay filly, 3, Muscle Hill – Platinum T – Credit Winner)

Owners: Marvin Katz & Sam Goldband, Toronto, ON; Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON; Black Horse Racing, Lebanon, NJ

Trainer: Per Engblom

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Breeder: James Wilhite, Lexington, KY

Missing the Breeders Crown final as a two-year-old, Asiago shifted from Jimmy Takter's barn to Per Engblom for her three-year-old year. As a two-year-old the Muscle Hill filly earned \$100,000 from 10 starts and winning only one race—a division of International Stallion Stakes at Lexington.

As a three-year-old Asiago has accrued over \$300,000 from 17 starts. Following success in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes but a break in stride in the Del Miller Memorial, Asiago qualified for the Hambletonian Oaks and trotted a final quarter in :26.3 to finish third in the \$500,000 final.

Asiago then went to the Kentucky Sires Stakes—romping in a prelim but getting nosed in the next by a 120-1 shot—prior to the Grand Circuit meeting at The Red Mile. She shipped to Canada after going off stride in the final turn and finishing last of 11 in the \$267,000 Kentucky Fill Futurity.

Leaving from post 7, Asiago rolled off cover with a :27.4 final quarter to finish fourth in her Breeders Crown elimination (to Millies Possesion).

Asiago (among his other trainees) brings Per Engblom to his first Breeders Crown in his first full year running his own training operation. Engblom previously worked for six years as Jimmy Takter's top assistant, which won 19 Breeders Crown trophies during his time. This is Engblom's second stint in the U.S. after, at age 19, he came to work as a groom and assistant trainer. He returned to Sweden for five years but returned to the U.S. in 2012 and has lived here since.

Driver Tim Tetrick comes in with 20 Breeders Crown wins on his record. Tetrick has steered three winners in the Breeders Crown Three-Year-Old Filly Trot: Kadaelia (2008), Broadway Donna (2016) and Lily Stride (2018). USHWA nominated Tetrick in 2019, at age 37, into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

Co-owners Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld both have nine Breeders Crown trophies, one from the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot (Ariana G in 2017). Sam Goldband has five Breeders Crown wins (none in the 3FT) while Black Horse Racing won its first Breeders Crown in 2017 with Manchego in the Two-Year-Old Filly Trot.

This year they stepped to the forefront when the Breeders Crown came to their home province of Ontario and became presenting sponsors of the Breeders Crown at Woodbine Mohawk Park. It was their intention to make the event an unparalleled success after the Crown's 11-year absence from the Campbellville racetrack.

"We started meeting on this year in Toronto, the week after the Breeders Crown at Pocono," said Katz. I've given a lot of thought to this."

"The corporate part was the easiest one to establish right away. Katz-Libfeld is essentially right there anyway, so that worked. We're the primary sponsor. I want this to be a really big deal. We need an expanded footprint. This is to be a social engagement. We want to set the bar for others," he continued.

"Tracks are not corporate allies with their communities and we wanted that to change. Corporations must be giving back to their communities. The community benefits, the political parties benefit.

Katz-Libfeld put together an auction of elite stallion breedings and convinced the connections of the 2018 freshman Breeders Crown champions to donate 1% donated by all the participants. The results were a resounding success.

"We're on course for the highest charitable donation ever-including thoroughbreds, in the history of Woodbine/Mohawk," stated Katz.

Asiago will be the first finalist for breeder James Wilhite. His only other Breeders Crown starter, Sunset Glider, finished seventh in her elimination for the Two-Year-Old Filly Trot in 2015.

SWEET CHAPTER

(bay filly, 3, Chapter Seven – Moms Sweetie Pie – Donerail)

Owners: Hutt Racing Stable, Malvern, PA (Joe & Joann Thomson); Blake MacIntosh, St. George, ON;
Mortgage Boys Stable, Fayetteville, NY

Trainer: Blake MacIntosh

Driver: Matt Kakaley

Breeder: Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, MD

Racing most of her career against state-bred competition in New York, Sweet Chapter makes only her second venture of the year into the Grand Circuit.

Earning less than \$50,000 in her first year racing, Sweet Chapter has improved upon her frosh campaign by earning over \$175,000 from 16 starts. She most notably finished third in the \$209,500 Empire Breeders Classic Final and collected many cheques at New York tracks. Yet MacIntosh tried his filly in the Hambletonian Oaks and secured a spot in the final, but finished seventh in the \$500,000 final after being interfered by Evident Beauty's break in stride.

"She can trot with them," MacIntosh said of Sweet Chapter in a feature for Woodbine Mohawk Park, "and she's always right there; always gets you a cheque. I just thought that she deserved a shot to prove it again. I always thought she was a nice filly—that's why she got paid into so much because I had faith in her. She's right on track where I think she should be and [I'm] very, very happy with her."

Drawing post 1 in the elimination, Sweet Chapter rode the pylons and finished third at odds of 90-1 in her elimination (to Millies Possession and When Dovescry).

Trainer Blake MacIntosh will make his first start in a Breeders Crown final with his only Breeders Crown appearance coming in eliminations with Courtly Choice in 2017 (for the 2CP) and 2018 (for the 3CP). He tries for his first Breeders Crown win while riding a career-best season. He also tries for his first win as an owner along with Hutt Racing Stable and Mortgage Boys Stable.

Driver Matt Kakaley notably collected his first wins in the Breeders Crown last year at his home track Pocono Downs. He drove Dorsoduro Hanover to victory in the Three-Year-Old Colt Pace and Percy Bluechip to victory in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace. The wins capped a season which saw Kakaley sidelined for two months due to a racing accident in March at Yonkers Raceway, breaking an orbital bone and fracturing a collarbone. His recovery required three surgeries before he returned to the sulky.

Winbak Farm has bred many Breeders Crown winners including notable alumni Bettors Delight (2000 2CP), No Pan Intended (2003 3CP) and Muscle Hill (2008 2CT & 2009 3CT).

WHEN DOVESCRY

(bay filly, 3, Muscle Hill – Cedar Dove – Andover Hall)

Owners: Go Fast Stable, Powell, OH; Yves Sarrazin, La Presentation, QC; Kapildeo Singh, Yorktown Heights, NY; Lawrence Dumain, Pine Bush, NY

Trainer: Rene Allard

Driver: Simon Allard

Breeder: William Weaver, Freehold, NJ

Out of the Andover Hall mare Cedar Dove—who won the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot in 2011 for breeder William Weaver—When Dovescry finished second in the Two-Year-Old Filly Crown Trot last year to Woodside Charm after winning her elimination. The 2019 Hambletonian Oaks winner will try to join the 10 other fillies that managed to also win the Breeders Crown the same year with Ariana G (2017) being the most recent filly to do so.

When Dovescry emerged as a two-year-old in late July last year but did not win her first race until early September. "We've been very patient with her and I knew she was a Grand Circuit horse all along," Simon Allard said last year at Lexington following her victory. "She's very talented."

When Dovescry came to races late as a three-year-old too, returning in early July but had no victories from her three starts coming into the Hambletonian Oaks. She nonetheless strolled to a 1:51.3 victory in her elimination and won the \$500,000 final in 1:50.2 to also end Millies Possesion's unbeaten streak.

"It makes me think when we started with a \$500 horse," Simon Allard said in an interview following his win in the Hambletonian Oaks. "[When Dovescry] was a \$200,000 yearling, that's the most expensive yearling we ever bought. We got lucky, she made it, and she is what she was supposed to be."

After the win in the Hambletonian Oaks When Dovescry sat on the bench for a month. She came back on Sept. 6 in a division of Simcoe at Woodbine Mohawk Park, winning in 1:54.4. She then lost grinding first over as the odds-on favourite in the \$376,000 Elegantimage Final. She came back to the sight of her coming out on Sept. 29 to win a division of Bluegrass at Lexington in 1:50.1 in her first start on Lasix but faltered to third as the favourite in the \$267,000 Kentucky Filly Futurity.

Reversing the outcome of the Hambletonian Oaks, Millies Possesion bested When Dovescry in their Breeders Crown elimination. However Millies Possesion scratched early from the final due to a broken coffin bone indefinitely sidelining her. In her elimination, as in many of her starts, When Dovescry drifted through the stretch which trainer Rene Allard has worked to correct most of the season.

"She was great, said driver Simon Allard. "The first eighth of a mile was very fast (:12.4) and it cost me. I tried to slow down and Dexter had momentum and he came past me and just kept on going. Dexter is on fire right now, he's driving so good.

"He was making speed while I was trying to slow down. I'll give the credit to him, he did the right thing. Next week, I've got the six hole and the good ones have got the one and the two hole. We're happy with the six hole. The inside is not always great at Mohawk. (Saturday) it cost me a lot. Matt Kakaley (with Sweet Chapter from post one) was going all out on the rail and just to get around him cost me a lot. Next week, if she can get settled during the first quarter I think she'll be right there. It's racing. We all need a little breather somewhere and racing luck. If she stays healthy and is feeling good, we'll be fine," he concluded.

Trainer Rene Allard tries for his first Breeders Crown victory. He sent his first Breeders Crown starter in 2014 when Yagonnakissmeornot finished fifth in the Mare Pace.

Brother Simon Allard also tries for his first Breeders Crown win. He made his Breeders Crown debut in 2013 when steering Emeritus Maximus to a sixth-place finish in his elimination for the Three-Year-Old Colt Pace. Simon made his first appearance in a Breeders Crown final last year. Owners Go Fast Stable, Kapildeo Singh, Yves Sarrazin and Lawrence Dumain all also try for their first Breeders Crown win.

Breeder William Weaver will have his second starter in a Breeders Crown final. The first offspring of his to try a Breeders Crown was in 1994 with Pan Its Cold, who finished seventh in his elimination for the Two-Year-Old Colt Pace. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Goshen for his accomplishments as a breeder and owner, including the breed-changing stallion and Crown champ Valley victory.

WINNDEVIE

(brown filly, 3, Credit Winner – Vida De Vie – Muscles Yankee)

Owners: Purple Haze Stables LLC (Wanda Polisseni), Fairport, NY

Trainer: Trond Smedshammer

Driver: Brian Sears

Breeder: Joie De Vie Farm LLC, Jobstown, NJ

Winndevie raced her entire career—until recently—in the New York Sires Stakes. As a two-year-old she won six races from seven starts, including the \$225,000 final. In her 20 start career, she has won 11 times and missed the board only once—finishing sixth in the \$209,500 Empire Breeders Classic Final this year.

"If she was really good in the final, I was going to put her in the Breeders Crown, but I thought she bounced a little bit off that big mile at Saratoga," trainer Trond Smedshammer said in an interview with the USTA earlier this year. "I thought that big mile at Saratoga would have improved her, getting stretched out like that, but she took a step backwards. She won, but she wasn't at her best. She was bumpy on the turns, so I put her away. Hopefully it will pay off this year."

Smedshammer kept Winndevie in the New York Sires Stakes through her three-year-old season—avoiding the Hambletonian Oaks despite being eligible. She failed to defend her title in the New York Sires Stakes but finished second from post 8 as the odds-on favourite at Batavia Downs. With over \$500,000 in earnings Winndevie trotted a prep mile at the Meadowlands on Oct. 11 that convinced Smedshammer to try her in the Breeders Crown this year.

In her Breeders Crown elimination Winndevie sat last for the whole mile but gained eight lengths in the stretch with a :26.1 final quarter to finish third (to The Ice Dutchess and Only Take Cash).

Norway-native Smedshammer has been dormant in Breeders Crown competition over the last few years. He won his first Breeders Crown in 2003 when Stroke Play claimed victory in the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot. Smedshammer's most recent Breeders Crown victory came in 2010 when Break The Bank K won the Three-Year-Old Male Trot. He tried to take the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot with Phaetosive in 2018 but finished fourth in the final.

Hall of Fame-driver Brian Sears (inducted in 2017) sits second in all-time Breeders Crown victories among drivers—tied with Ron Pierce and behind only John Campbell. He leads all active drivers in Breeders Crown victories and also teamed with Smedshammer on Stroke Play to win his first Breeders Crown. Sears won three Breeders Crown finals last year (Gimpanzee in the 2CT, Tactical Landing in the 3CT & McWicked in the OP).

Wanda Polisseni has yet to own a Breeders Crown winner but has sent 10 horses to the final. Winndevie will be her 11th try.

Joie De Vie Farm has bred only one Breeders Crown finalist: Naughtytilltheend in the 2010 Three-Year-Old Filly Pace. It also bred Thats The Plan and Rock Me Gently who both failed to advance from their eliminations.

GRIMMIE HANOVER

(bay filly, 3, Cantab Hall – Girlie Tough – Conway Hall)

Owners: Thomas Pollack, Venetia, PA; Jeffrey Cullipher, Pendleton, IN

Trainer: Jeffrey Cullipher

Driver: Corey Callahan

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms Inc., Hanover, PA

Hoosier Park-based trainer Jeff Cullipher came to Grand Circuit prominence when the Breeders Crown visited Hoosier Park for the first time in 2017. After debuting in the Breeders Crown with Rock N Roll World in 2017, Cullipher's stable only grew.

Cullipher expanded his operation to the east coast at the end of 2018 and earned the title as the leading owner at the Meadowlands along with Thomas Pollack on Hambletonian Day. Yet Cullipher did not raise Grimmie Hanover—he acquired her (as he does many of his horses) from Canada.

Grimmie Hanover started her career with trainer John Bax but stayed a maiden through 10 starts as a freshman. She attempted to enter the Grand Circuit in an elimination for the Peaceful Way, but finished seventh and never advanced.

Bax brought Grimmie Hanover back as a three-year-old in late April but eventually sold the filly to Cullipher in mid June. In her first start for the new barn, Grimmie Hanover won against maiden company at Hoosier Park. She won her next three starts against overnight company before trying the Hambletonian Oaks—finishing eighth in her elimination. She rebounded on Aug. 19 with a 1:54.4 victory in a division of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes.

"She's a nice filly who's kind of been in some bad spots," regular driver Corey Callahan said after her victory on Aug. 19. "She probably wasn't really ready for the Oaks, but I think those miles did her good."

Grimmie Hanover remained off the Grand Circuit for the rest of the year until last week. Following a 1:54.4 victory against NW\$5,500L4 at Hoosier Park, Cullipher entered Grimmie Hanover into the Breeders Crown and advanced to the final with a fourth-place finish in her elimination (to The Ice Dutchess).

Cullipher tries for his first training victory in his second appearance in a Breeders Crown final. He also tries for his first win as an owner along with Thomas Pollack, who makes his first Breeders Crown final appearance. Cullipher currently sits atop the training standings at Hoosier Park as he tries for his third training title at the Anderson oval.

Driver Corey Callahan has yet to win a Breeders Crown. He came closest when debuting in the Breeders Crown in 2009, finishing second with Mr Wiggles in the Three-Year-Old Colt Pace. He has driven in 35 Breeders Crown finals.

Breeder Hanover Shoe Farms leads all breeders in harness racing in Breeders Crown earnings with \$16.8 million earned in eliminations and finals.

SEASIDE BLISS

(bay filly, 3, Cantab Hall – You Want Me – Credit Winner)

Owners: S R F Stable (Lennart Agren), Lighthouse Point, FL

Trainer: Paul Kelley

Driver: James MacDonald

Breeder: Valley High Stable, Freehold, NJ

Seaside Bliss has kept a low profile on the Grand Circuit. Earning only \$12,000 from five starts as a two-year-old, the \$300,000 yearling purchase has banked \$56,330 so far in her career.

"You never know what you're going to get—when you spend \$300,000 you could get something worth \$3,000," trainer Paul Kelley said of Seaside Bliss last year in an interview with Harness Racing Update. "Lennart Agren (of S R F Stable) asked me what I liked for trotting fillies at Lexington and I put this filly right at the top of the list."

Agren's SRF Stable races a double-handful of top-class trotters this year in the US and Scandinavia, with stateside wins totaling over \$1.7 million in various ownership partnerships.

Agren was also the default winner of the 2017 Hambletonian when his Perfect Spirit was placed first after the winner, What The Hill, was placed back for interference. It was a first in the 92-year history of the event.

Kelley also trained Seaside Bliss' dam You Want Me, who only raced as a two-year-old but earned \$220,980 while also winning the \$225,000 New York Sires Stakes final in 2012.

Seaside Bliss made her Grand Circuit debut on July 6 at the Meadowlands in a division of the Reynolds Memorial, finishing fifth to Millies Possession. She then won a division of the Tompkins Geers on July 20 at the Meadowlands, where she trotted a lifetime-best 1:51.4. However, she failed to qualify for the Hambletonian Oaks and went on a layoff until the Grand Circuit meeting at The Red Mile. She finished fifth in a division of Bluegrass and eighth in the \$267,000 Kentucky Filly Futurity.

Riding the pylons, Seaside Bliss snagged a spot in the Breeders Crown final when finishing fifth in her elimination (to The Ice Dutchess).

Kelley, a native of Massachusetts, has yet to win a Breeders Crown. He has sent six starters in Breeders Crown finals but enters here off a year shadowed by his career-best season in 2016—when he earned \$1.4 million in purses thanks in part to his star trotting gelding Obrigado.

James MacDonald picked up the drive on Seaside Bliss last week for the eliminations. He has previously only started in two Breeders Crown finals with Dewdle All Day in the 2016 Three-Year-Old Filly Trot being his most recent starter. The PEI native rose to prominence in 2017 when he represented Canada in the World Driving Championship and won. He also ascended to the Grand Circuit spotlight this year when winning the Canadian Pacing Derby behind Courtly Choice.

SRF Stable won its first Breeders Crown in 2018 with Gimpanzee in the Two-Year-Old Colt Trot. It debuted in 2016 with Earn Your Wings and Side Bet Hanover, finishing fourth and ninth respectively in the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot.

Breeder Valley High Stable (William Weaver) has five Breeders Crown victories to its credit but none in the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot. In fact, all of its Breeders Crown wins have come in two-year-old events—its most recent wins in 2012 with To Dream On in the Two-Year-Old Filly Trot and Wheeling N Dealin in the Two-Year-Old Colt Trot.

ONLY TAKE CASH

(bay filly, 3, Cash Hall – Armbro Affair – Garland Lobell)

Owners: Robert McIntosh Stables Inc., Windsor, ON; Dave Boyle, Bowmanville, ON; Mardon Stables, Loretto, ON

Trainer: Robert McIntosh

Driver: Trevor Henry

Breeder: Robert McIntosh Stables Inc., Windsor, ON; C S X Stables, Liberty Center, OH

With her victory this year in the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship, Only Take Cash propelled Robert McIntosh to an elite honour. He became only the third trainer in harness racing history to earn over \$100 million in purses with Ron Burke and Jimmy Takter also accomplishing that feat.

Among the many Ohio-bred stars entering the Grand Circuit spotlight, Only Take Cash only forayed onto the big stage late in her three-year-old season. With nearly \$700,000 earned from 20 starts—15 of which were wins—she makes only her third Grand Circuit start when she races from post 9 in the Breeders Crown final.

"This filly trained good all spring," McIntosh said in a feature for Woodbine Mohawk Park leading to the Elegance, "but I thought 'Oh, she's just a sires stakes filly in Ohio — that'll be enough.' But then after she showed her stuff last year in Ohio, I did put her in a few more things this year. She had to prove herself to me first."

Only Take Cash won easily in her Grand Circuit debut—a 1:54.4 mile in the Casual Breeze at Woodbine Mohawk Park. But she stepped up in class a month later to race in the \$376,000 Elegance Final.

On the question of if his Ohio-bred filly could match Grand Circuit competition, McIntosh said "That's the million-dollar question I guess. I'll say this: she won't embarrass herself. Anything this filly does is not going to shock me. I think we can make a little noise and get a good paycheck out of it. And to get it all, that would be extra nice."

Only Take Cash finished second to Evident Beauty in the Elegance final and took a month off before strolling to a 1:55.1 victory on Oct. 11 to prep for the Breeders Crown. In her elimination she kicked from fourth to gain six lengths through the stretch and finish second to The Ice Dutchess in a 1:53 mile.

Trainer Bob McIntosh has won many Breeders Crown finals—earning \$6.4 million in the event—but has never won the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot. His most recent Breeders Crown victory came in 2014 with Thinking Out Loud in the Open Pace. His most recent Breeders Crown finalist was L A Delight in the 2017 Mares Pace, finishing seventh.

Mohawk-based driver Trevor Henry makes his first start in a Breeders Crown final. He has previously steered Keystone Paula in a 2015 elimination for the Two-Year-Old Filly Pace and Percy Bluechip in a 2017 elimination for the Two-Year-Old Filly Pace. Henry started his career on the smaller tracks in Ontario but in 2015 fully transitioned to racing on the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit.

Robert McIntosh has yet to breed a Breeders Crown winner. However C S X Stable tries for its second victory as a breeder with its first coming in 2014 with Thinking Out Loud.

DARK AS A POCKET

(bay filly, 3, Trixton – Mariongotchocolate – Chocolatier)

Owners: Dreamville Stable, Cambridge, ON (the Wellwood family: matriarch Jean, her daughter Paula and Paula's husband and co-trainer Mike Keeling, along with their son Devin)

Trainer: Michael Keeling

Driver: Jody Jamieson

Breeder: Steve Stewart, Paris, KY; Kemppi Stables Oy Inc., Delray Beach, FL; Pond A Acres, New Haven, IN

Following the scratch of elimination winner Millies Possession on Monday (due to a broken coffin bone), Dark As A Pocket drew into the Breeders Crown final. The filly from the same team of Hambletonian and Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder has yet to win a race this year from 13 starts.

Dark As A Pocket debuted in July last year but did not win until she made her third start. She then won a preliminary of Kentucky Sires Stakes, broke stride in the final of the Pure Ivory and finished ninth trailing throughout in the \$250,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes at The Red Mile.

She came back as a three-year-old with seventh-place efforts in both preliminaries of New Jersey Sires Stakes. She then returned to stakes company with a sixth-place finish on Aug. 2 in a division of the Continental victory at the Meadowlands and tried her hand again in the Kentucky Sires Stakes. Her best Grand Circuit finish came in a division of the Casual Breeze when she finished third to Only Take Cash in a 1:54.4 mile.

Finishing 10th in the \$250,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final, Dark As A Pocket raced in two overnight events before entering the Breeders Crown eliminations. She finished seventh but was placed sixth due to interference caused by Evident Beauty making a break. She was the longest shot on the board in that elimination (98-1) and beat Golden Tricks by less than a length to secure the elevated spot into the Breeders Crown final.

The training team of Paula Wellwood and Michael Keeling have yet to win a Breeders Crown. This will be the third Breeders Crown finalist for owner Dreamville Stable, which also sent Jordan Blue Chip in the 2017 Two-Year-Old Filly Trot and Smart As Hill in the 2018 Two-Year-Old Colt Trot.

Jody Jamieson—who has three Breeders Crown titles won—drives the Trixton filly. He tries for his first victory in the Three-Year-Old Filly Trot as well as his first Breeders Crown win since 2011 when he won with Frenchfrysnvinegar in the Mare Trot and Monkey On My Wheel in the Three-Year-Old Filly Pace. He won his first in 2007 with Santanna Blue Chip in the Two-Year-Old Colt Pace.

Steve Stewart, who partially bred the filly, has bred several Breeders Crown winners, but most notably he bred Mission Brief (2014 2FT) and Tactical Landing (2018 3CT).

