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PURSE \$425750. BREEDERS CROWN - FINAL - OPEN MARE. (PURSE \$325,000 U.S.) 1 MILE

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

MUTUEL RATINGS: 4-3-5-1

ASK FOR HORSE BY PROGRAM NUMBER

Table with columns: Date, Race/Track, CCnd, Var, 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 Wesleynn Dancer, Ice Attraction, Plunge Blue Chip, Manchego, Darling Mearas, Hannelore Hanover, Highland Top Hill, Dream Together, and Custom Cantab.

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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

11	20-1	TOP EXPECTATIONS L	B m 4 by Cantab Hall-Exceed Expectation-Kadabra	BRIAN J SEARS 148 White-Brown (731-112-87-97-263)	Tr.-Benoit O Baillargeon(.306)	1:51 ¹	M ¹ -ft	2019 16 6 2 1	\$144,690								
LT BLUE		Owner: Daniel Plouffe,Bromont, QC	-- Breeder: Dunroven Stud LLC, Lexington, KY			1:53	Lex ¹ -ft	2018 16 3 3 2	\$100,709								
Oct19	⁶ Wbsb% ¹¹ Ft	BrdrsCrown-L	32500	:27 ³ :57 1:26 ¹ 1:53 ²	5 4 ⁶	4 ⁵ / ₄	4 ⁴ / ₄	4 ⁴ / ₄	6 ³	:26 ⁴ 1:54 43.60	SRFilion	7	DarlingMearasS	PlungeBlueChip	CustomCantab	Life: 1:51 ¹ -1-4-12	\$469,677
Oct6	³ Lex ¹ Ft	Fmallerage-L	69500	:26 ³ :53 ³ 1:21 1:49	3 5 ³ / ₂	6 ⁵ / ₄	7 ⁸ / ₄	7 ¹² / ₂	7 ¹⁷	:30 ¹ 1:52 ² 35.90	BJSears	8	Manchego	PlungeBlueChip	IceAttraction		
Sep30	⁹ Wbsb% ¹⁵ Ft	Preferred-L	34000	:26 ³ :56 1:25 ¹ 1:52 ³	6 1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	:27 ² 1:52 ³ 2.85	SRFilion	6	TopExpectations	EmoticonHanover	PLJill		
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12		ROYAL WITCH L	B m 5 by Kadabra-Royal Tennis-Self Possessed	SYLVAIN R FILION 160 Blue-White-Red (1553-241-202-197-269)	Tr.-Benoit O Baillargeon(.306)	1:51	Wbsb%-ft	2019 13 4 4 1	\$75,890								
RDIWHT		Owner: Thomas Rankin-Elizabeth Rankin, St Catharines, ON	-- Breeder: White Birch Farm, Allentown, NJ			1:52 ²	Wbsb%-ft	2018 20 8 2 1	\$115,060								
Oct19	⁹ Wbsb% ¹¹ Ft	BrdrsCrown-L	32500	:27 :56 ⁴ 1:25 ² 1:52 ³	6 7 ¹² / ₂	7 ¹¹	7 ^{o5}	8 ⁴	6 ⁵ / ₂	:27 1:53 ³ 9.45	SRFilion	8	Manchego	EmoticonHanover	WeslynnDancer		
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BREEDERS CROWN MARE TROT CHAMPIONS 1985-2018

Year	Champion	Sire	Breeders	Owners	Trainer	Driver	Time	Purse	Host Track
2017	Emoticon Hanover b.m. 5	Kadabra	L Wellwood, T Aspden, A Shunock & D Ingham	Determination	Luc Blais	Dan Dube	1:54.1	\$300,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2017	Emoticon Hanover b.m. 4	Kadabra	L Wellwood, T Aspden, A Shunock & D Ingham	Determination	Luc Blais	Dan Dube	1:53.4	\$250,000	Hoosier Park
2016	Hannelore Hanover br.m., 4 ♦	Swan For All	Hanover Shoe Farms	Burke Racing Stable, Weaver-Bruscemi, Frank Baldachino & J&T Silva	Ron Burke	Yannick Gingras	1:53.3	\$250,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2015	D'One b.m. 5	Donato Hanover	Thomas Persson Finans Ab	Stall Kenny 23	Roger Walmann	David Miller	1:54.2	\$250,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2014	Bee A Magician b.m. 4	Kadabra	White Birch Farm	Mel Hartman, Herb Liverman, Dave McDuffee	R. Nifty Norman	Brian Sears	1:51.4	\$250,000	Meadowlands Racetrack
2013	Maven b. m. 4 ♦	Glidemaster	All La Nuova Sbarra SRL	William J. Donovan	Jonas Czernyson	Yannick Gingras	1:52.3f	\$250,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2012	Tamla Celeber S br.m. 5	Cantab Hall	Nilsson J & A, Celeber Data, Ek. kons	Courant AB	Roger Walmann	Brian Sears	1:55.2s	\$250,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2011	Frenchfrysvinegar b.m. 6	Angus Hall	Big Als Stables Inc & David Smith	David Smith	Jeffrey Gillis	Jody Jamieson	1:53.3s	\$300,000	Woodbine Racetrack
2010	Buck I St. Pat b.m. 7 ♦	Jailhouse Jesse	Ron Fuller	Taylor, Gold, Basen, Fuller	Ron Burke	Tim Tetrick	1:52.3f	\$250,000	Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs
2009	Buck I St. Pat b.m. 6 ♦	Jailhouse Jesse	Ron Fuller	Taylor, Gold, Basen, Fuller	Ron Burke	Tim Tetrick	1:52	\$250,000	The Meadowlands
2008	Brigham Dream b.m. 4	Kaisy's Dream	Dream With Me Stable	Reve Avec Moi	Nicolas Vandenplas	Luc Ouellette	1:53.2s	\$290,500	Mohawk Racetrack
2007	Mystical Sunshine b.m. 6 ♦	Yankee Glide	Kentuckiana Farms Gen. Partners	Sid Korn & Alvin Jacobson Estate	Chris Ryder	Daniel Dube	1:54.2s	\$325,000	Mohawk Racetrack
2006	Mystical Sunshine b.m. 5	Yankee Glide	Kentuckiana Farms Gen. Partners	Alvin Jacobson & Sidney Korn	Chris Ryder	Ron Pierce	1:53.3	\$250,000	The Meadowlands
2005	Peaceful Way b.m. 4 ♦	Angus Hall	Stiller, Tingley, Katz,Goldband, Libfeld & Goin' My Way Stable	Stiller, Tingley, Katz,Goldband, Libfeld & Goin' My Way Stable	David Tingley	Trevor Ritchie	1:53.1s	\$250,000	Mohawk Racetrack
2004	Armbro Affair br.m. 4	Garland Lobell	Armstrong Bros.	McIntosh Stable, CSX Stables & Kohler	Bob McIntosh	Ron Pierce	1:54.1	\$250,000	The Meadowlands
1995	CR Kay Suzie b.f. 3 ♦♦♦	Royal Troubador	Carl & Rod Allen Stable	Carl & Rod Allen Stable	Carl Allen	Rod Allen	1:58.1h	\$300,000	Delaware, Ohio
1994	Armbro Keepsake b.m. 5 ♦	Super Bowl	Armstrong Bros.	Armstrong Bros.	Stig Johansson	Stig Johansson	1:57.4h	\$250,000	Freehold Raceway
1993	Lifetime Dream b.m. 5 ♦	Worthy Bowl	Joseph Dunsmore	George Elliott & Joseph Dunsmore	George "Butch" Elliott	Paul MacDonell	1:55.4f	\$250,000	Mohawk Raceway
1992	Peace Corps b.m. 5 ♦	Baltic Speed	Dancer & Rose Hild Breeding Farm	Stall Pieder	Torbjorn Jansson	Torbjorn Jansson	1:58f	\$314,200	Mohawk Raceway
1991	Me Maggie b.m. 4	Prakas	Castleton, New Bond St & Hanley Dawson	Arden Homestead Stb	Jan Johnson	Berndt Lindstedt	1:58.2f	\$300,000	The Meadows
1990	Peace Corps b.m. 4 ♦	Baltic Speed	Rachel Dancer & Rose Hild Breeding Farm	Stall Pieder	Stig Johansson	Stig Johansson	1:54.2f	\$203,458	Pompano Harness
1989	Grades Singing br.m. 7	Texas	Bay Jean Farm & Stable	Grades Singing Stable	Olle Goop	Olle Goop	1:57.3f	\$247,739	Blue Bonnets
1988	Armbro Flori b.m. 4	Speedy Crown	Armstrong Bros.	Armstrong Bros.	George Sholy	Larry Walker	1:59.3h	\$268,756	Batavia Downs
1987	Grades Singing br.m. 5	Texas	Bay Jean Farm & Stable	Grades Singing Stable	Olle Goop	Olle Goop	1:58.3h	\$228,162	Northfield Park
1986	Grades Singing br.m. 4 ♦	Texas	Bay Jean Farm & Stable	Ferme Grade	Herve Filion	Herve Filion	1:57.4f	\$242,290	Scioto Downs

♦ Indicates USTA/USHWA divisional champion; ♦♦ Pacer or Trotter of the Year; ♦♦♦ Horse of the Year
No Older Mare Trot in 1985 -- Only an Open Trot. The Mare Trot was combined with the Open Trot in 1996 and then reinstated in 2004



OPEN MARE TROT RECORDS

Stakes Record	1:51.4	Bee A Magician (2014 The Meadowlands)
Fastest first quarter	:26.1	Bee A Magician (2014 The Meadowlands)
Fastest half clocking	:55.1	Classic Lane (2009 The Meadowlands) Buck I St Pat (2010 Pocono Downs)
Fastest three-quarter clocking	1:24	Buck I St Pat (2010 Pocono Downs)
Fastest last half by winner	:55.3	Maven (2013 Pocono Downs)
Fastest last quarter by winner	:27.2	Bee A Magician (2014 The Meadowlands)
Record purse	Cdn\$330,675 US\$300,000	Lifetime Dream (1993 Mohawk Raceway) CR Kay Suzie* (1995 Delaware Co. Fair) Armbro Keepsake (1994 Freehold) Frenchfrysvinegar (2011 Woodbine Racetrack)
Leading Driver	2	Dan Dube (2007, 2017) Olle Goop (1987, 1989) Stig Johansson (1990, 1994) Ron Pierce (2004, 2006) Tim Tetrick (2009, 2010); Brian Sears (2012, 2014)
Leading Trainer	3	Ron Burke (2009, 2010, 2016)
Highest Win Price	\$29.20	Armbro Affair (2004 The Meadowlands)
Lowest Win Price	\$2.20	CR Kay Suzie* (1995 Delaware Co. Fair) Emoticon Hanover (2017 Hoosier Park)
Highest Exacta Price	\$269.00	Armbro Affair & Lost Lady One (2004 The Meadowlands)
Lowest Exacta Price	\$3.00	Emoticon Hanover over Caprice Hill (2017 Hoosier Park)
Biggest Margin of Victory	6 Lengths	Peace Corps (1990 Pompano Park)
Smallest Margin of Victory	Head	Armbro Flori over Scenic Regal (1991 Batavia Downs) Bee A Magician over Classic Martine (2014 The Meadowlands)

*CR Kay Suzie supplemented to the open event as a 3-year-old.



ROAD TO THE 2019 BREEDERS CROWN \$325,000 BREEDERS CROWN MARE TROT

Open to 3-Year-Old & Older Eligibles in 2019
Saturday, October 26 – Woodbine Mohawk Park,
Campbellville, Ontario

Some of the races won by Crown contenders leading up to the 2019 Breeders Crown

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Race Track</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 19	Breeders Crown Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	MANCHEGO	1:52.3
October 19	Breeders Crown Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	DARLING MEARAS S	1:53.2
October 6	Allerage Farms	Red Mile	MANCHEGO	1:49.0
September 27	Dayton Derby	Dayton Raceway	MANCHEGO	1:50.1
September 19	Miss Versatility	Delaware County Fair	PLUNGE BLUE CHIP	1:52.1
September 7	The Charlie Hill Memorial	Scioto Downs	ATLANTA	1:51.4
September 6	Miss Versatility	Tioga Downs	CUSTOM CANTAB	1:53.0
September 1	Great Northeast Series	Harrah's Philadelphia	HANNELORE HANOVER	1:52.0
August 18	Miss Versatility	Tioga Downs	PLUNGE BLUE CHIP	1:51.0
August 11	Joie De Vie Mare Trot	Tioga Downs	CUSTOM CANTAB	1:52.0
August 3	John Steele Memorial	Meadowlands	MANCHEGO	1:50.0
July 13	Miss Versatility	Meadowlands	HANNELORE HANOVER	1:50.2
July 6	Graduate Series Final	Meadowlands	ATLANTA	1:49.1
June 29	The Great Northeast	Mohegan Sun Pocono	HANNELORE HANOVER	1:52.2
June 21	Graduate Series	Meadowlands	ATLANTA	1:50.4
June 15	Armbro Flight Final	Woodbine Mohawk	ATLANTA	1:50.2
June 7	Armbro Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	ATLANTA	1:51.0
June 7	Armbro Flight Elim	Woodbine Mohawk	HANNELORE HANOVER	1:50.3
June 1	Graduate	Woodbine Mohawk	ATLANTA	1:53.0
May 20	Miss Versatility	Woodbine-Mohawk	EMOTICON HANOVER	1:54.0
May 6	Miami Valley Distaff	Miami Valley	ATLANTA	1:50.4

All caps mean eligible to the Crown.

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

CUSTOM CANTAB (supplement)

(bay mare, 4, Mr Cantab – Custom Model – Tagliabue)

Owners: Christopher F. Beaver, Donald E. Robinson, RBH Ventures Inc., Ohio, Ohio, and New York

Trainer: Chris Beaver

Driver: David Miller

Breeder: Hoosier Standardbred Farm and Fair Meadow Farm

Custom Cantab cut the fractions and wound up third in the first Breeders Crown Mare Trot elimination. She finished three-quarters of a length behind winner Darling Mearas S and was clocked in 1:53.3.

Custom Cantab is making her Breeders Crown debut. She won the Joie De Vie at Tioga Downs this year plus legs of the Graduate Series and Miss Versatility Series.

Would be the first Breeders Crown winner for any of the owners. Beaver was second with Moonshiner Hanover in the 2016 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot. First finalist for Donald E. Robinson and the second for RBH Ventures Inc. (Robert Heckkoff).

Chris Beaver, 47, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He has finished second twice, with 3-year-old male trotter Triumphant Caviar in 2009 and with 2-year-old male trotter Moonshiner Hanover in 2016.

Beaver was 23 when he bought the horse that changed his life. Her name was Raging Samantha and Beaver and his mother, Johanna, purchased the future stakes-winning trotter at a yearling auction in 1995 for \$9,500. A graduate of Stetson University, Beaver had been thinking about heading to veterinary school, but he became fully immersed in racing thanks to Raging Samantha and her exploits.

His family has been involved in harness racing since the mid-1950s. Beaver's grandfather, Henry, got the family started and his father, Charlie, has enjoyed success as a trainer (and owned several horses with the late Academy Award-winning actor Don Ameche).

David Miller, 54, ranks second among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 23, and is No. 5 all time in the series. His most recent Crown came in 2017 with What The Hill in the final for 3-year-old male trotters. He had two second-place finishes in 2018, with 2-year-old male pacer Proof and 2-year-old filly pacer Zero Tolerance.

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.

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

Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses with \$240 million and is No. 5 in wins with more than 12,800. He is fifth in purses this year with more than \$7.3 million.

First Breeders Crown starter for breeders Hoosier Standardbred Farm and Fair Meadow Farm.

DARLING MEARAS S

(bay mare, 6, Cantab Hall – Khao Manee – Muscles Yankee)

Owners: Snogarps Gard, Delray Beach, Florida

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Breeder: Snogarps Gard

Swedish-bred Darling Mearas S won the first Breeders Crown Mare Trot elimination. She sat a pocket trip and got up in the stretch drive to win by three-parts of a length in 1:53.4.

"She got herself in good position," winning driver Dexter Dunn said. "We really got lucky half way down the stretch. Looks like we're in good shape for next week."

Darling Mearas S came to North America to race this year after a successful career in Europe. She hasn't won any stakes events to date on this side of the Atlantic, but she did take a mark of 1:49.4 in winning an overnight race at the Meadowlands this summer.

The Wihlborg family's Snogarps Gard owned 2014 Breeders Crown Open Trot champion Commander Crowe. Darling Mearas S will be the first horse they have bred to compete in a Breeders Crown.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy.

He has finished second on four occasions, twice with Resolve in the Open Trot, in 2015 and 2016, and twice with Ice Attraction, in 2017 in the 3-year-old filly trot and 2018 in the Mare Trot. Also last year, Plunge Blue Chip won her elimination for 3-year-old filly trotters and finished third in the final.

Svanstedt is in his sixth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

He is perhaps best known as the trainer and driver of Sebastian K, who trotted the then-fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:49 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2014.

Tim Tetrick, 37, is fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 20, and is No. 7 all time in the series. He won two finals last year, the Mare Pace with Shartin N and the 3-year-old filly trot with Lily Stride.

In 2016, Tetrick won three trophies, with Huntsville in the final for 2-year-old male pacers, Walner in the final for 2-year-old male trotters, and Bar Hopping in the final for 3-year-old male trotters. Tetrick won a career-high four Breeders Crown trophies in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

For his career, Tetrick ranks No. 4 all time in purses with \$215 million and No. 9 in wins with more than 11,200. As of Oct. 16, he was within \$110,000 of moving past Ron Pierce for third on the earnings list.

DREAM TOGETHER

(brown mare, 5, Muscle Hill – Danae – Andover Hall)

Owners: Determination (Serge Godin), Montreal, Quebec

Trainer: Luc Blais

Driver: Bob McClure

Breeder: Bluestone Farms LLC. (Mitchel Skolnick) and Fredericka V. Caldwell

Dream Together held on to finish fifth in the first Breeders Crown Mare Trot elimination after a first-over trip. She finished 2 1/4 lengths behind the winner Darling Mearas S and was timed in 1:53.4.

Dream Together made her second Breeders Crown final. She was third in the 3-Year-Old Filly Trot in 2017.

Breeder Bluestone Farms LLC. has not won a Breeders Crown to date but Fredericka Caldwell has three champions, including the great trotters Moni Maker and Magician. Both Dream Together's dam Danae and Dream Together's half-sister D'Orsay raced in the Breeders Crown during their careers.

Dane won the 2007 Hambletonian Oaks at 22-1 for trainer George Teague and Tim Tetrick, though it was her only standout performance. She has since shone in the breeding shed, producing Dorsay (\$445,732), Dream Together (\$797,582), the international superstar Propulsion (\$3 million in Europe) whose full brother Damien, recently sold for \$1 million at the Lexington Select Yearling Sale.

Serge Godin's Determination stable has won the last two editions of the Mare Trot with Emoticon Hanover.

Luc Blais, 57, has won three Breeders Crown finals, including the two most recent editions of the Mare Trot with Emoticon Hanover. She also finished second to Broadway Donna in the 2016 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old female trotters.

His other Crown triumph came with Intimidate in the 2012 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters.

In August at the Meadowlands, Blais won the \$1 million Hambletonian with Forbidden Trade.

Forbidden Trade and Emoticon Hanover were both O'Brien Award winners in 2018.

Blais has set a career high for purses in 2019 with nearly \$1.9 million. He ranks fifth among all trainers in Canadian earnings this season. His stable has topped \$1.5 million every year beginning in 2016. Blais ranked 10th in purses among trainers in Canada in 2018 and was fifth in 2016.

Bob McClure, 29, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018. He drove 2-year-old filly trotter Champagne Jane to victory in an elimination and finished eighth in the final. He also guided 2-year-old male trotter Smart As Hill to an elimination win before finishing ninth in the final.

In August, McClure made his debut in the \$1 million Hambletonian Stakes and captured the trophy with Forbidden Trade. The colt upset favorite Greenshoe in the final. On April 25, McClure suffered a broken pelvis in an accident during qualifiers at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He returned to action on May 23. McClure used a hyperbaric chamber three to four times a week to aid his recovery.

McClure is third in earnings among Canadian drivers this year with more than \$4.4 million.



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Emoticon Hanover

bay mare, 6, by Kadabra – Emmylou Who by Ken Warkentin

OWNER: Determination (Serge Godin), Montreal
BREEDERS: Linda Wellwood, Tammy Aspden, Anne Shunock and Diane Ingham, ON
SALE INFO: \$165,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, 2014
TRAINER: Luc Blais
DRIVER: Daniel Dube

Emoticon Hanover sat the pocket to the ultra-sharp Manchego in her elim, but could not close the gap between them more than a length, finishing second in 1:52.3.

The 6-year-old has had a bit of a roller-coaster year, with just two wins in 16 starts.

Emoticon Hanover is making her fifth appearance in the Breeders Crown.

As a 2-year-old (2015) she finished fifth in both her elimination and final at Woodbine Racetrack.

At three, she was second to Broadway Donna in both her elimination and final at the Meadowlands.

She won the Mare Trot at four at Hoosier Park, and again at five at Mohegan Sun Pocono, joining the elite company of double Crown mare winners Grades Singing, Peace Corps, Mystical Sunshine and Buck I St Pat. A third Crown would narrow the group to Emoticon Hanover, Peace Corps and Grades Singing.

Emoticon Hanover has won 24 times and boosted her earnings over \$1.8 million for owners Determination of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She is a daughter of stallion Kadabra, who was a Breeders Crown winner as a 3-year-old. Her dam, Emmylou Who, was a standout on the Ontario circuit. Her family includes 1994 O'Brien Award-winner and 2-year-old male Breeders Crown champion Eager Seelster.

Emoticon Hanover's owner, Montreal's Serge Godin, has now won four Breeders Crown finals. Two came under his Ecurie Synergie stable name, in 2010 with 2-year-old female trotter Martiniontherocks and in 2012 with 2-year-old male trotter Wheeling N Dealin. Emoticon counts for his next pair.

Determination trainer Luc Blais and Godin made history in August, winning the \$1 million Hambletonian with Forbidden Trade.

Godin parlayed an interest in computers into a global information technology and business process services company called CGI (or Consulting to Government and Industry). It grew to become the fourth-largest independent company of its type in the world. He also established a family foundation aimed at alleviating poverty, advancing education, and improving the health of disadvantaged youth. He was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame in 2008.

Blais, 57, has won three Breeders Crown finals. Aside from Emoticon Hanover's titles, his other Crown triumph came with Intimidate in the 2012 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters.

Emoticon Hanover joined Forbidden Trade as an O'Brien Award winner in 2018.

Blais has set a career high for purses in 2019 with nearly \$1.9 million. He ranks fifth among all trainers in Canadian earnings this season. His stable has topped \$1.5 million every year beginning in 2016. He worked for several stables, including Canadian Hall of Famer Yves Filion's Bayama Farms, before going on his own. He now trains for information-technology mogul Serge Godin's Determination stable.

Dan Dube, 50, has won seven Breeders Crown finals. Aside from Emoticon, his other Breeders Crown triumphs include two with Horse of the Year Award winners: 3-year-old male pacer Gallo Blue Chip in 2000 and 3-year-old male pacer Rock N Roll Heaven in 2010. In 2003, Dube drove Pans Culottes to victory in the 2-year-old female pace, beating Kikikatie by a neck to hand the filly her only loss in 15 races that year.

Dube got career victory 9,000 on March 16 when he won an opening-round division of the Levy Series with Western Fame. Dube has won more than 9,100 races lifetime, ranking 24th in North American history. His horses have earned \$122 million in purses, ranking 15th.



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HANNELORE HANOVER

(brown mare, 7, Swan For All – High Sobriety – Dream Vacation)

Owners: Burke Racing Stable LLC., Weaver Brusceci LLC., Frank D. Baldachino, J And T Silva Stables LLC., Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York

Trainer: Ron Burke

Driver: Yannick Gingras

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms Inc.

Hannelore Hanover gained off cover in the first Breeders Crown Mare Trot elimination, closing in 26.2 to finish fourth. She finished a length and a quarter behind winner Darling Mearas S and was timed in 1:53.3.

Hannelore Hanover is a two-time Breeders Crown champion. She won the Mare Trot in 2016 and then the Open Trot in 2017. She was second in the Dr. John R. Steele Memorial and Great Northeast Open Series final this year.

Burke Racing Stable LLC. (Sylvia Burke) and Weaver Brusceci LLC. (Mark Weaver and Michael Brusceci) have won 11 and nine Breeders Crown trophies, respectively, making them some of the most successful owners in the history of the event. Jerry Silva is a 13-time Crown winner either solely or in partnership with wife Theresa. Frank Baldachino has two Crowns, both coming with Hannelore Hanover.

Ron Burke, 50, is tied for second with Bob McIntosh for the most trophies in Breeders Crown history with 16. Jimmy Takter is the all-time leader with 34. Burke won three finals in 2018 with 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover, 3-year-old filly pacer Percy Bluechip, and 2-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut.

He is one of six trainers to win at least two Breeders Crown finals in multiple years, with Jimmy Takter, Bob McIntosh, Steve Elliott, Brett Pelling and Trond Smedshammer.

Yannick Gingras, 40, is third among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins, with 21, and No. 6 all time in the series. He won a Breeders Crown in 2018 with Warrawee Ubeaut in the 2-year-old filly pace.

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

His remaining three Breeders Crown victories in 2017 came with 3-year-old female trotter Ariana G, 2-year-old female trotter Manchego, and 2-year-old female pacer Youaremycandygirl. Manchego's win capped a 12-for-12 season and made her the first undefeated 2-year-old filly trotting champion in Crown history. 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.

Breeder Hanover Shoe Farms Inc. has the most champions (22), trophies (25), and earnings (\$16,898,036) in the history of the Breeders Crown.

HIGHLAND TOP HILL

(bay mare, 5, Muscle Hill – Highland Image – Andover Hall)

Owners: Highland Thoroughbred Farm (Mary Clark), Inglewood, ONT
Trainer: Amanda Fine
Driver: Doug McNair
Breeder: Highland Thoroughbred Farm, Inglewood, ONT

Highland Top Hill, who races as homebred for Highland Thoroughbred Farm of Inglewood, finished fifth in her Breeders Crown elimination to earn a spot in the final. The daughter of Muscle Hill had taken a new mark of 1:52.4 her start prior.

The five-year-old has been racing in conditioned company much of this year. At three, she was second in her Kentucky Filly Futurity elimination and also qualified for the Breeders Crown Final that year.

Owner/breeder Mary Clark first became involved in horses when she and her late husband Jack moved to the country near Inglewood some two decades ago - to the property that was once home to standardbred nursery Armstrong Brothers. Jack was suffering from Parkinson's and they thought country living would suit them better than downtown Toronto. They waded into horse ownership with a couple of thoroughbreds, then switched to forming a small standardbred broodmare band.

Amanda Fine (born 10/26/96 Birthplace: Port Perry, ONT. Resides: Guelph, ON)

Trainer Amanda Fine, who just started training this year, is putting up some good numbers in "on-the-board" finishes, with five winners, 14 seconds, and four thirds from just 46 starters. Her first win came July 6 with trotting mare Highland Dynamite,

She followed her dad Marty Fine into the industry and took over training duties for Highland Thoroughbred Farm when her dad retired recently. Marty Fine trained 733 winners who banked over \$8.5 million during his career.

Of Highland Top Hill and the decision to take a shot in the Breeders Crown?

"Right now (we're) hoping for some extra luck," Fine said. "Our mare always showed talent and the last month she had just been so good. So Mary, my dad and I thought if she was to ever have a chance it would be now, seeing as she has never been in better form.

"I'm facing some of the best trainers out there, but in the end Mary, myself and everyone in the barn are just happy to have a horse to take us on the journey.

"I met Mary Clark when I was probably 15 when she first asked my dad to train her horses," she said. "And when my dad retired Mary decided to leave the horses with me to train."

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While Amanda Fine is a new name on the program, she's no stranger to the industry. "I grew up around the horses as my dad (Marty Fine) had always had a fairly large stable and I had always loved the horses, so I would go to the barn every chance I could," Fine said.

"I went straight from high school to full time under my dad. I always wanted to be just like my dad - it was my dream to train horses. I loved racing and had always loved the horses."

Fine will celebrate her 23rd birthday on Saturday.

ICE ATTRACTION

Bay Mare, 5, Muscle Hill – The Ice Queen – Conway Hall

Owners: Ake Svanstedt Inc., Wrightstown, NJ; Douglas Sipple, Georgetown, DE; Mal & Janet Burroughs LLC, Westwood, NJ; Little E LLC (Jeff Gural), New York, NY
Trainer: Ake Svanstedt
Driver: Andrew McCarthy
Breeders: Stephen Dey III & David Reid

Ice Attraction was rated evenly by driver Andrew McCarthy, subbing for trainer Ake Svanstadt in her Crown elim, and produced a last quarter of :27.1 to advance to the final. She drew post 2, in between elim winners Manchego and Darling Mearas S.

Ice Attraction finished second in her Breeders Crown final at both age 3 and 4. She did not advance from the eliminations at age 2.

Her top career wins include the Kentucky Filly Futurity and Crossroads of America at 3 in 2017 and the Allerage Farms Mare Trot at 4 in 2018. Her 1:50.1 clocking in the Allerage was, at the time, the world record for a 4-year-old trotting mare.

Ice Attraction's sire Muscle Hill was a two-time Breeders Crown champion and the 2009 Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He has finished second on four occasions.

Svanstedt is in his sixth season in North America after moving from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. He won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt has trained nearly 600 winners and earned \$22 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 350 wins and \$16 million in purses.

This year, Svanstedt is sixth in purses among trainers with nearly \$3.9 million.

Andrew McCarthy, 33, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy. He finished second each of the past two years with female pacer Caviart Ally; in 2017 in the division for 3-year-old filly pacers and in 2018 in the Mare Pace. He also has two third-place finishes in the series.

McCarthy has seen his purse earnings increase annually since the start of 2013, reaching \$6.17 million in 2018. For his career, he has won \$43 million in purses and more than 2,300 races.

He has enjoyed success at Woodbine Mohawk Park, winning this year's Milton with Caviart Ally, the Goodtimes with Pilot Discretion, and Nassagaweya with Capt Midnight. Last year, he won the She's A Great Lady with Tall Drink Hanover in addition to the Milton with Caviart Ally.

Little E LLC is the racing name of Meadowlands, Vernon and Tioga Track owner Jeff Gural, who partners with the Svanstadt stable on many top horses including Six Pack in the Crown Trot.

Burroughs has three Breeders Crown trophies as an owner. He drove Malabar Man to victory at ages 2 and 3 (1996 and 1997) with both triumphs coming at Mohawk. Malabar Man carried him to victory in the 1997 Hambletonian, making him one of two amateur drivers to win the Hambletonian, with his homebred Malabar Man in 1997. His first trophy came with 2-year-old filly trotter Gleam, driven by trainer Jimmy Takter, in 1993. The remaining owners of Ice Attraction are seeking their first Breeders Crown.

Stephen Dey III and David Reid are also seeking their first Breeders Crown as breeders.

MANCHEGO

Bay mare, 4, Muscle Hill – Secret Magic – Cantab Hall

Owner: Black Horse Racing (Barry Guariglia), Lebanon, NJ
Trainer: Nancy Johansson
Driver: Dexter Dunn
Breeder: Brittany Farms

Manchego won a Breeders Crown at age 2 in 2017. She was a perfect 12-for-12 that season and became the first undefeated 2-year-old female trotter in Breeders Crown history as well as the first unbeaten 2-year-old female trotter to win a Dan Patch Award.

Last year, she finished third in her Breeders Crown elim and seventh in the final. Her wins in 2018 included the Hambletonian Oaks.

Manchego got the respect one would expect from a 1-5 betting choice in her Crown elim and had little difficulty in strolling down the road to capture her right to draw an inside post. With no challengers Dunn cruised to the half in :56 4/5 and waited for competition to come, but none materialized. Manchego did drift a bit off the pylons but at no point did the Nancy Johansson-trained mare need any assistance from her driver and she scored comfortably in 1:52 3/5 with a :27 1/5 final quarter.

Manchego won for the sixth time in 2019 and returned \$2.40 as the prohibitive favorite. She's trained by Nancy Johansson for owner Black Horse Racing.

"She's exceptional," said Johansson. "There's no other way to describe her."

"She felt great again tonight," said Dunn referring to her consecutive world record performances at The Red Mile and Dayton. As far as the mare drifting out some. "You just let her do her thing. She was full of run at the line."

Manchego has a four-race win streak. Her triumphs include the Dayton Trotting Derby, which she won in 1:50.1 to become the fastest female trotter ever on a five-eighths-mile racetrack, and the Allerage Farms Mare Trot, which she won in 1:49 at Lexington's Red Mile to become the fastest female trotter in history. Her 1:49 in the Allerage also made her the fastest 4-year-old trotter, male or female, ever.

She was trained at 2 and 3 by now-retired Jimmy Takter, the winningest trainer in Breeders Crown history with 34 titles. She is now in the stable of Takter's daughter, Nancy Johansson.

Manchego's sire Muscle Hill was a two-time Breeders Crown champion and the 2009 Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.

Johansson, 38, won her second Breeders Crown trophy in 2018 with Captain Crunch in the 2-year-old colt-and-gelding pace. Captain Crunch was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male pacer. Johansson's first Breeders Crown triumph came in 2014 with 2-year-old female pacer JK She'salady.

JK She'salady went undefeated in 12 races that year and became the first 2-year-old female pacer in history to be named Horse of the Year. Johansson was named the Rising Star Award winner by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

Johansson has set career highs in 2019 with 58 wins and \$3.2 million in purses. She ranks ninth among North American trainers in purses this year. She has won more than 250 races and \$11 million in purses.

Dexter Dunn, 30, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018, competing in one elimination. This is his first time in the finals.

Dunn is in his first full season of driving in the U.S. after a record-setting career in New Zealand. A native of Christchurch, Dunn led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. When Dunn left New Zealand, his 2,225 wins ranked fifth in history there. In 2015, Dunn represented his country in the World Driving Championship and drove off with the trophy.

He ranks third this year in purses among all drivers in North America with more than \$9 million.

Black Horse Racing's Barry Guariglia has won two Breeders Crown trophies, with Manchego in 2017 and 3-year-old filly pacer Stienam's Place in 1997. Brittany Farms ranks No. 2 among breeders with 22 wins.

PLUNGE BLUE CHIP

(bay mare, 4, Muscle Mass – Dunk The Donato – Donato Hanover)

Owners: Ake Svanstedt Inc., Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc., Tommy Andersson, NJ, NY, and Sweden

Trainer: Ake Svanstedt

Driver: Ake Svanstedt

Breeder: Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. (Thomas R. Grossman)

Plunge Blue Chip rallied off cover with a 26.1 final quarter to finish second to stablemate Darling Mearas S in the first Breeders Crown Mare Trot elimination. She was beaten by three-parts of a length and timed in 1:53.3.

Plunge Blue Chip won her elimination and was third in the final of the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot last year. She won a leg and the final of the Miss Versatility Series in 2019.

She became a sub-50 trotter in 2018, with 1:49.4 mile at The Meadowlands.

Co-owner and breeder Blue Chip Bloodstock Inc. has won five Breeders Crown events as a breeder and one as an owner. Would be the first Breeders Crown champion for Ake Svanstedt Inc. or Tommy Andersson.

Ake Svanstedt, 60, is seeking his first Breeders Crown trophy.

He has finished second on four occasions, twice with Resolve in the Open Trot, in 2015 and 2016, and twice with Ice Attraction, in 2017 in the 3-year-old filly trot and 2018 in the Mare Trot. Also last year, Plunge Blue Chip won her elimination for 3-year-old filly trotters and finished third in the final.

Svanstedt is in his sixth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions. In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame. Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer.

He is perhaps best known as the trainer and driver of Sebastian K, who trotted the then-fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:49 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in 2014.

Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt has trained nearly 600 winners and earned \$22 million in purses. As a driver, he has more than 350 wins and \$16 million in purses.

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WESLYNN DANCER

(brown mare, 5, Deweycheatumnhowe – Weslynn Legacy – Windsongs Legacy)

Owners: Barbara & James Boese, Milton, DE
Trainer: Richard Banca
Driver: Scott Zeron
Breeder: 1788938 Ontario Ltd, North York, ON

Weslynn Dancer heads into the Breeders Crown Open Mare Trot off a rapidly-closing third in her elimination last week behind millionaires Manchego and Emoticon Hanover.

The daughter of Deweycheatumnhowe has won 18 of 68 lifetime with earnings of \$426,720.

While she lacks the stakes experience of some of her rivals, she put in an excellent showing over this track in June. "Weslynn Dancer raced in the Armbro Flight here and was second to Atlanta," said trainer Richard Banca. "She didn't get beat much and was coming at the end, with a last quarter in (26.3 in a 1:50.2 mile). I know she loves this track and she's a nice horse."

Banca and the Boeses had teamed up with French trotter Adagio de la Tour last year. "I have quite a few horses with them, they're really good people," Banca told racing writer Brandon Valvo in February. "It started with the French trotters. They wanted to buy one of the horses coming from France and they called me up and asked if I would take the horse. I said yes. That's where it started and I've gotten a bunch (horses) more since."

The Boeses also own Kaitlyn N in partnership with Banca. She will contest the Open Mares Pace. Boese is the CEO and GM of Harrington Raceway.

Trainer Richie Banca, a native of Paterson, NJ, has sent out over 1,600 winners of nearly \$30 million in his training career, which began in the mid-90s.

"I started training at Monticello with Pat Lachance," he said. "We went to high school together and we're really good friends. We started together."

His best money-winning season came in 2017, when his charges banked over \$4.2 million and won 197 times. He was the leading trainer at Yonkers that year, with 187 wins at "Old Hilltop."

He owns Mt. Hope Training Center in Mt. Hope, New York, where his 40 horses are stabled. The farm has a half-mile track and about 220 stalls. Banca owns a piece of the majority of the horses he conditions.

Banca has a pair of seconds in Breeders Crown Final action – with Armbro Proposal in the 2002 Open Pace and with Lost Lady One in the 2004 Mare Trot.

He'll send out two on Saturday in this year's edition – Kaitlyn N in the Open Mare Pace and Weslynn Dancer in the Open Mare Trot.

"Kaitlyn N is better on a bigger track. She's a nice horse, and I figured I'd give her a try," he said. "Weslynn Dancer raced in the Armbro Flight here and was second to Atlanta. She didn't get beat much and was coming at the end, with a last quarter like :26.2 I know she loves this track."

Other good horses he's trained include Life Source, Levy winner Real Nice and sophomore trotting tilly Quincy Blue Chip, one of this season's top NY-bred fillies.