

DEXTER DUNN**Born: 9/1/1989 – Birthplace: New Zealand – Resides: Millstone, NJ****Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 12.

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2019 and has won at least two trophies every year.
- * In 2022 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Dunn became the fifth driver in history to win four Breeders Crowns in a year twice. He won the Open Pace with Bulldog Hanover, Open Trot with Ecurie D (DK), Mare Trot with Bella Bellini, and 3-Year-Old Filly Trot with Jiggy Jog S.
- * Was the regular driver of Bulldog Hanover, who paced the fastest mile in history on July 16, 2022, at the Meadowlands, winning the William R. Haughton Memorial in 1:45.4. Bulldog Hanover was named Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.
- * Ecurie D became the first horse since Fool's Goal in 2002-2003 to win the Breeders Crown Open Trot in consecutive years. He was voted the 2022 Dan Patch Award winner for best older male trotter.
- * Bella Bellini became the first female trotter in eight years to win a Breeders Crown as a 3-year-old and transition to the older ranks and win the Mare Trot at age 4. She was named 2022 Trotter of the Year.
- * Dunn's first four-win Breeders Crown performance came in 2020, with Manchego in the Mare Trot, Kissin In The Sand in the Mare Pace, Fire Start Hanover in 2-Year-Old Filly Pace, and Amigo Volo in 3-Year-Old Colt Trot.
- * Led all drivers in North America in purses each of the past three years.
- * Set a career high with \$15 million in purses in 2022.
- * Has won more than 1,800 races and \$61 million in purses since arriving in the U.S. from New Zealand in the summer of 2018.
- * Top Grand Circuit win so far in 2023 came with Alrajah One (IT) in the Maple Leaf Trot on Sept. 2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Also won Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series finals with 3-year-old male trotter Ari Ferrari J and 3-year-old female pacer Twin B Joe Fresh on Sept. 17 at Lexington's Red Mile.
- * Led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017.
- * Won the 2015 World Driving Championship.

RONNIE GILLESPIE**Born: 4/29/1972 – Birthplace: Chicago, IL – Resides: Macon, MS**

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Has won more than 900 races in his career as a driver and more than 300 as a trainer.
- * Led all drivers on the Ohio fairs circuit with 109 wins in 2022 and established a career high with 128 victories overall.
- * Topped the Ohio fairs circuit with 72 wins in 2021.
- * Has established a career high for driving purses in 2023, with nearly \$800,000.
- * Approaching \$4 million in lifetime purses as a driver.
- * Top win so far this year came with Sugar Instead in the Ohio Sire Stakes championship for 2-year-old female trotters on Sept. 9 at Eldorado Scioto Downs.
- * Was an accomplished horseback rider before getting involved in harness racing.

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.

- * Ranks sixth in Breeders Crown history with 24 trophies.
- * He is third among active drivers, trailing Brian Sears (35) and David Miller (30). John Campbell holds the record with 48 victories in the series.
- * Won multiple Breeders Crown trophies in a year on seven occasions.
- * Captured his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 3-year-old female trotter Southwind Serena, at odds of 50-1.
- * Most recent Crown came with 3-year-old female pacer Peaky Sneaky at Harrah's Hoosier Park in 2020.
- * Led all drivers in North America in purses four consecutive years, 2014-2017. Has been no worse than third for the past 11 years.
- * Entered the week No. 1 in purses among all drivers in 2023 with more than \$11.8 million.
- * Ranks four all time among all drivers in career purses with more than \$227 million.
- * Has won more than 8,700 races lifetime.
- * Top Grand Circuit wins so far in 2023 came with Celebrity Bambino in the Canadian Trotting Classic on Sept. 23 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and with Cannibal on July 29 in the Delvin Miller Adios at The Meadows. Also won a Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series final with 2-year-old male trotter Karl on Sept. 17 at the Red Mile.
- * 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 before moving to the Meadowlands.
- * Received the 2003 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * 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.

JAMES MacDONALD**Born: 1/10/1986 – Birthplace: Prince Edward Island – Resides: Guelph, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2022, 2021.

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2012.
- * Finished second to Bulldog Hanover in the 2022 Open Pace with Tattoo Artist at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Finished a close third behind Grace Hill and Test Of Faith in the Mare Pace with So Much More.
- * Set career highs in 2022 with 451 wins and \$9.91 million (Canadian). He led all drivers in Canada in both categories.
- * Also led all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2021.
- * Tops all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2023.
- * Has won more than 3,400 races and \$50 million (U.S.) in purses lifetime.
- * Top win so far this year came with Its A Love Thing in the She's A Great Lady Stakes on Sept. 23 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Won the 2017 World Driving Championship, hosted by Canada that year.
- * Brother of Mark MacDonald and Anthony MacDonald.

ANDREW McCARTHY**Born: 3/31/1986 – Birthplace: Bathurst, Australia – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- * Won the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters with Jujubee in 2021 for trainer Greg Wright Jr.
- * Jujubee went on to be named 2021 Dan Patch Award Trotter of the Year.
- * In 2019, McCarthy 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.
- * Top Breeders Crown finish in 2022 came with I Did It Myway, who was second to Pebble Beach in the final for 3-year-old male pacers.
- * A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced in North America since 2007. He has won more than 3,400 races and \$74 million in purses during that time.
- * Set career highs for wins with 315 and purses with \$8.72 million in 2021.
- * Won four New Jersey Sire Stakes championships this year, with 2-year-old male pacer Better Is Nice, 2-year-old male trotter Sig Sauer, 2-year-old female trotter Buy A Round, and 3-year-old male trotter Air Power.
- * McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Todd, now in the U.S., 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.

TODD McCARTHY**Born: 2/24/1993 – Birthplace: Australia – Resides: Bordentown, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won the 2022 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers with Pebble Beach at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Pebble Beach received the Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.
- * McCarthy, the younger brother of driver Andy McCarthy, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2021 and drove in eight finals. His top finish was third (twice).
- * Moved to the U.S. at the end of August 2020.
- * Had contemplated leaving Australia to his continue his career in North America for several years but watching Andy win four Crown trophies in 2019 helped convince him to do it.
- * Since arriving in the U.S., Todd has won more than 900 races and \$24 million in purses.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Mommamia Volo in the Kentucky Filly Futurity on Oct. 8 at the Red Mile and with Allywag Hanover in the Harrah's Hoosier Park Pacing Derby on Sept. 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Won two million-dollar races last year, the Hambletonian with Cool Papa Bell and the North America Cup with Pebble Beach.
- * Joined brothers Andy and Luke as the winning driver of at least one \$1 million race, an unprecedented accomplishment for brothers. Andy won the 2020 Hambletonian with Ramona Hill. Luke has won multiple Miracle Mile trophies in Australia.
- * Received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2021.
- * McCarthy's accomplishments Down Under included winning the 2016 Australasian Young Drivers Championship and multiple New South Wales state and metropolitan premiership driving titles.

BOB McCLURE**Born: 9/26/1990 – Birthplace: Orangeville, Ontario – Resides: Rockwood, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2020.****Breeders Crown trophies: 2.**

- * Won the 2022 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old female pacers with Sylvia Hanover at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2020 by driving On A Streak to victory in the final for 2-year-old male trotters at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Has won more than 3,300 races and \$36 million (U.S.) in purses in his career.
- * Top victories so far this year came with Sylvia Hanover in the Fan Hanover Stakes on June 17 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and in the Mistletoe Shalee on July 15 at the Meadowlands. Also won Ontario Sire Stakes championships with 2-year-old male pacer Storm Shadow and 2-year-old male trotter Willowtime on Oct. 13 at Mohawk.
- * Finished No. 1 in purses in Canada in 2020 with C\$6.67 million.
- * Enjoying his fifth season with more than \$5 million (Canadian) in purses in last six years.
- * 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 victory for trainer Blais. Forbidden Trade was named Canada's Horse of the Year.
- * Received the 2019 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

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

- * Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2004 with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover, who was trained by his brother Erv. It also was Erv's first 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.
- * Remaining Crowns came with 2-year-old male trotter Manofmanymissions in 2010, 2-year-old female pacer Somwherovrarainbow in 2012, and 2-year-old male pacer Traceur Hanover in 2014.
- * Got career win 10,000 on Aug. 20 at Lexington's Red Mile. He was the 21st driver in North American history to reach that milestone.
- * Ranks 13th in history for purses, with \$140 million.
- * Top win so far this year came with French Wine in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship on Sept. 3 at Harrah's Philadelphia. French Wine finished second by a head behind Tactical Approach in the Kentucky Futurity on Oct. 8 at the Red Mile.
- * 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.
- * Andy and Julie were married in 1996 and started their harness racing stable the same year. Their son Tyler started driving on a regular basis in 2020.

DAVID MILLER**Born: 12/10/1964 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Robbinsville, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2014.**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2016, 2015, 2003.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 30.

- * Ranks No. 2 among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins with 30. He is tied with Ron Pierce for third most in the series, behind only John Campbell (48) and Brian Sears (35).
- * Set the record for most Breeders Crown victories in a single year with five in 2015. He accomplished the feat at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.
- * Has won multiple Breeders Crown finals in a year eight times in his career.
- * Won a 2022 Crown with 2-year-old male pacer Ammo at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Collected two trophies in 2021, with 3-year-old filly pacer Test Of Faith and 3-year-old male pacer Perfect Sting.
- * Test Of Faith was the 2021 Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year and Perfect Sting was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 3-year-old male pacer.
- * Won Breeders Crown titles with two other Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year recipients, No Pan Intended in 2003 and Always B Miki in 2016.
- * Captured his first Crown in 2000 with Magician in the Open Trot.
- * Got career win 14,000 on May 19 at Harrah's Philadelphia. He ranks No. 6 among all drivers in North American history in victories.
- * Ranks No. 2 in purses all time, with \$280 million.
- * Has finished among the top five in purses 23 of the past 24 years.
- * Top wins so far this year have come with T C I in the Mohawk Million on Sept. 23 and William Wellwood Memorial on Aug. 26, both at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Won the Peter Haughton Memorial with T C I on Sept. 15 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Other top wins include the William R. Haughton Memorial with Charlie May, Hambletonian Maturity with M-M's Dream, and John Cashman Memorial and Caesars Trotting Classic (at Harrah's Hoosier Park) with It's Academic.
- * 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.

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

- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018.
- * Won a Breeders Crown elimination in 2022 with 3-year-old male pacer Bythemissal and finished third in the final.
- * Best finish in a final came in 2021 with 2-year-old female pacer Sea Silk, who was second.
- * Has won more than 6,600 races and \$67 million in purses in his career.
- * Set a career high in 2022 with \$7.77 million in purses.
- * Fulfilled a childhood dream by winning the 2022 Little Brown Jug with Bythemissal at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Ohio.
- * Top finish so far this year came with Tennessee Tom in the Ohio Sire Stakes championship for 2-year-old male trotters on Sept. 9 at Eldorado Scioto Downs. Finished second with Tennessee Tom in the Mohawk Million.
- * 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.

LOUIS ROY**Born: 11/29/1989 – Birthplace: Rimouski, Quebec – Resides: Mississauga, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2019, 2018.****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won a 2022 Breeders Crown with 2yo male trotter Gaines Hanover at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2017.
- * Has won 2,400 races and \$33 million (U.S.) in purses in his career.
- * Led all Canadian drivers in purses with C\$6.79 million and wins with 413 in 2018.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Tattoo Artist in the Canadian Pacing Derby on Sept. 2 and with Drawn Impression in the Peaceful Way Stakes on Aug. 26, both at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Also won the Jim Ewart Memorial and Dayton Derby with Tattoo Artist.
- * Spent six years competing, and dominating, on the Quebec fair circuit before making a name for himself at Hippodrome 3R (Trois-Rivières), which propelled him to regular drives on the Woodbine-Mohawk/Ontario circuit.
- * Won the 2016 Gold Cup & Saucer with YS Lotus and received Canada's Future Star Award.
- * Roy is a graduate of the University of Quebec at Rimouski. For the first two years of his driving career, he also worked as a financial analyst for a telecommunications company.

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: 35.**

- * Leads active drivers in wins in Breeders Crown finals with 35 and is second all time in the history of the series. Sears trails only John Campbell (48).
- * Won one trophy in 2021 with 2-year-old filly trotter Joviality S.
- * Captured at least one Breeders Crown trophy for 12 consecutive years, 2003 through 2014. He has won multiple finals in a year 10 times.
- * 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: four in each 2004 and 2005, and three in each 2006, 2008 and 2009. He had two victories in 2007.
- * 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 winners.
- * Won more than 10,400 races and \$214 million in purses in his career.
- * Ranks 17th in North American history in wins and No. 6 in purses.
- * Led the sport in purses in 2005 with a then-record \$15 million.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Date Night Hanover in the Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series final on Sept. 17 at the Red Mile and with Venerate in the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial on May 20 at the Meadowlands.
- * Leads all active drivers in Hambletonian wins with three. John Campbell holds the record with six. No other driver has won the race more than four times.
- * In 2009, Sears became the first driver to win the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in the same year. He won the Hambletonian with Muscle Hill for trainer Greg Peck and the Oaks with Broadway Schooner for trainer Jim Campbell.
- * Doubled again in 2013, capturing the Hambletonian with Royalty For Life for trainer George Ducharme and the Oaks with Bee A Magician for trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman.
- * Was the 1991 Rising Star Award recipient from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * 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.

AKE SVANSTEDT (see trainers section)**ROBERT TAYLOR****Born: 9/20/1982 – Birthplace: Jackson, MS – Resides: Middletown, IN**

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Has won more than 400 races in his career as a driver and more than 800 as a trainer.
- * Already established a career high in driver purses in 2023 with nearly \$600,000.
- * Earned more than \$800,000 so far this year in trainer purses, moving within \$79,000 of his career best of \$891,874 set in 2009.
- * The 2009 season was memorable for Taylor-trained Southern Rocketop finishing second behind eventual Horse of the Year Muscle Hill in the World Trotting Derby and third behind Muscle Hill and Explosive Matter in the Canadian Trotting Classic.
- * Totaled more than \$4.5 million lifetime in driver purses and \$8.9 million in trainer purses.
- * Top win so far this year came with Muscleftastic in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship on Oct. 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Was introduced to harness racing through his father, Donnie, who trained horses in addition to working as a full-time farrier.

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:** 22.

- * Ranks fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 22 and is No. 7 all time in the series.
- * Won a trophy with 2-year-old male trotter Rebuff in 2021.
- * Captured 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.
- * Won multiple trophies five other years, most recently in 2018.
- * In 2014, 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.
- * Collected his first Crown trophy in 2007 with Artistic Fella in the Open Pace at Mohawk.
- * Has won more than 13,500 races and \$266 million in purses during his career.
- * Ranks No. 7 all time among North American drivers in wins. Ranks No. 3 in purses.
- * Top wins so far this year include the Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace, and Max C. Hempt Memorial with Confederate; the Hambletonian Oaks with Heaven Hanover; and the Jim Doherty Memorial with Soiree Hanover.
- * Confederate is the No. 1-ranked horse in the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll.
- * 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.
- * Led the sport in purses seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013, and was No. 1 again in 2018 and 2019. Has not finished worse than third since 2006.
- * No. 2 in purses this season with more than \$11.1 million.
- * On his way to finishing in the Top 10 in wins for the 19th consecutive year.
- * 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 Harrah's Hoosier Park.

KYLE WILFONG**Born: 6/24/1991 – Birthplace: Watseka, IL – Resides: Anderson, IN**

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Has won more than 1,900 races and \$17 million in purses in his career.
- * Earned more than \$3 million in purses so far in 2023, breaking his previous career best of \$2.57 million set last year.
- * Top win so far this season came with Ponda Title in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship on Oct. 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Set career high for wins with 221 in 2022.
- * Drove six winners on Hawthorne's Night of Champions last year. He also had four second-place finishers on the 12-race card.
- * Ranks among the top-five drivers in wins this year at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Has won driving titles at Hawthorne Racecourse and Oak Grove.
- * His father, Brett, has won more than 1,200 races as a trainer. His grandfather, Lynn, who passed away in September, was inducted into the Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame in 2020 and Indiana Horse Racing Association Hall of Fame in 2017. In addition to breeding and racing, Lynn Wilfong helped lobby for pari-mutuel racing in Indiana and spent a dozen years as president of the Indiana Trotting & Pacing Association.

RONNIE WRENN JR.**Born: 8/21/1986 – Birthplace: Livonia, MI – Resides: Chagrin Falls, OH**

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Has won more than 7,700 races in his career and \$59 million in purses.
- * In only his third full season as a driver in 2013, led North America in wins with 714.
- * Repeated as North America's leading driver in 2014, with 847 victories. He finished second in 2018 and 2020.
- * One of nine drivers in history to win more than 800 races in a year.
- * This season is his 11th consecutive year with more than 500 wins.
- * Has exceeded \$6 million in purses for the third time in his career.
- * Top Grand Circuit win so far this year came with Strong Poison in the Nadia Lobell Stakes on June 30 at Harrah's Hoosier Park in a track-record 1:48.
- * His father won nearly 2,000 races as a driver. After his father passed away in 2014, Wrenn changed his colors to his dad's black and maroon in tribute to him.
- * Wrenn's uncle, Peter Wrenn, ranks 15th in North America history with more than 10,600 career victories as a driver. He is a two-time Breeders Crown winner, with 2-year-old female pacer Yankee Cashmere in 1994 and 3-year-old female trotter Personal Banner in 1996.

SCOTT ZERON**Born: 5/23/1989 – Birthplace: Montreal, Quebec – Resides: Campbell Hall, NY****Breeders Crown trophies: 6.**

- * Won a 2022 Breeders Crown with 3-year-old female pacer Treacherous Dragon at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * 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 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Won his first Breeders Crown in 2016 with Call Me Queen Be in the final for 3-year-old female pacers. Won a second trophy in 2018 with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch.
- * Captured two trophies in 2021, with Rocknificent in the Mare Pace and with 2-year-old male pacer Monte Miki.
- * Suffered multiple injuries in an accident on July 26, 2022. He returned to action Oct. 8, just prior to the Breeders Crown.
- * On Sept. 30 this year, surpassed \$100 million in career purses and joined Tim Tetrick (30) and Yannick Gingras (34) as the only drivers to reach the milestone before the age of 35.
- * Is on the verge of bettering his career high for purses, \$8.91 million, set in 2016.
- * Has won more than 4,400 races lifetime.
- * Top wins so far this year include Tactical Approach in the Hambletonian Stakes and Kentucky Futurity; It's My Show in the Little Brown Jug and North America Cup; and Ucandoit Blue Chip in the Jugette.
- * Twice led all Canadian drivers in wins (2010 and 2011) before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013.
- * In 2012, received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * Won the 2016 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.
- * His father, Rick, has won more than 8,100 races as a driver and 1,500 as a trainer.

JOE BONGIORNO**Born: 9/23/1993 – Birthplace: Red Bank, NJ – Resides: Monroe, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won the 2019 Breeders Crown Open Pace with American History at Woodbine Mohawk Park for trainer Tony Alagna.
- * Finished second by a nose with Play Trix On Me in 2020 final for 3-year-old male trotters at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016.
- * Top win so far in 2023 came with Hellabalou in the Borgata Pacing Series final April 24 at MGM Yonkers Raceway.
- * Is in his third consecutive year with more than \$5 million in purses.
- * Set career high for purses in 2021 with \$6.88 million.
- * Has won more than 2,900 races and \$45 million in purses lifetime.
- * 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.
- * Brother of trainer Jennifer Bongiorno.

GEORGE BRENNAN**Born: 4/20/1967 – Birthplace: Monticello, NY – Resides: Freehold, NJ****Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2011, 2010.****Breeders Crown trophies: 6.**

- * Got his first Breeders Crown in 1998 with 3-year-old filly pacer Galleria at Colonial Downs.
- * Most recent trophy was with Hana Hanover in the 2009 Mare Pace at the Meadowlands.
- * Has won more than 11,700 races and \$203 million in purses in his career.
- * Reached \$200 million in purses on May 11 at MGM Yonkers Raceway.
- * Ranks No. 10 in wins among all North American drivers in history and No. 7 in purses.
- * Top win this year came with Idealsomemagic A in the Joe Gerrity Jr. Memorial on July 22 at Saratoga Casino Hotel. Won the Dorothy Haughton Memorial with Mikala on July 15 at the Meadowlands.
- * Won both the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in 2011, joining Brian Sears as the only drivers to capture those two races on the same day. Broad Bahn won the Hambletonian and Bold And Fresh won the Oaks.
- * Sat in for an injured John Campbell and guided Glidemaster to victory in the 2006 Yonkers Trot. The win completed a sweep of the Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity, Yonkers Trot) and propelled Glidemaster to U.S. Horse of the Year honors.
- * Started driving in amateur races at the age of 14. His stepfather, Joe Ricco Jr., was a trainer and driver at Monticello and Brennan immersed himself in the sport at an early age. Brennan was a leading driver in New England before moving to New Jersey in the mid-1990s. He has won multiple driving titles at Yonkers Raceway.
- * Received the 1996 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

JOHN DeLONG**Born: 1/16/1989 – Birthplace: Beloit, WI – Resides: Anderson, IN**

- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2017 at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He drove in three finals with a best finish of eighth.
- * Has won more than 3,600 races and \$39 million in purses in his career.
- * Set his career high for purses, \$4.48 million, in 2021. Also topped \$4 million in 2022 and 2023 (\$4.21 million).
- * Won five Indiana Sire Stakes championships on Oct. 13 at Harrah's Hoosier Park, with Helpfirstedition, Tellmeitmatters, Lets Go Endofaera, Little Rocket Man, and Swans Eye.
- * Is second in wins at Harrah's Hoosier Park, trailing only Trace Tetrick.
- * Has finished second to Tetrick in the Hoosier standings in 2016, 2021, and 2022.
- * Won the driving title at Running Aces in its inaugural season in 2008. He was 19.
- * DeLong's family, which operates a worldwide agricultural-distribution business based in Clinton, Wis., has been involved in harness racing for decades and is one of only two families enshrined in the Wisconsin Harness Racing Hall of Fame.
- * His father Jesse (better known as Jay) is a trainer and occasional driver, and DeLong got his first-ever win in 2005 with a horse trained by his uncle William (aka Bo).

DEXTER DUNN**Born: 9/1/1989 – Birthplace: New Zealand – Resides: Millstone, NJ****Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019.****Breeders Crown trophies: 12.**

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2019 and has won at least two trophies every year.
- * In 2022 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, Dunn became the fifth driver in history to win four Breeders Crowns in a year twice. He won the Open Pace with Bulldog Hanover, Open Trot with Ecurie D (DK), Mare Trot with Bella Bellini, and 3-Year-Old Filly Trot with Jiggy Jog S.
- * Was the regular driver of Bulldog Hanover, who paced the fastest mile in history on July 16, 2022, at the Meadowlands, winning the William R. Haughton Memorial in 1:45.4. Bulldog Hanover was named Horse of the Year in the U.S. and Canada.
- * Ecurie D became the first horse since Fool's Goal in 2002-2003 to win the Breeders Crown Open Trot in consecutive years. He was voted the 2022 Dan Patch Award winner for best older male trotter.
- * Bella Bellini became the first female trotter in eight years to win a Breeders Crown as a 3-year-old and transition to the older ranks and win the Mare Trot at age 4. She was named 2022 Trotter of the Year.
- * Dunn's first four-win Breeders Crown performance came in 2020, with Manchego in the Mare Trot, Kissin In The Sand in the Mare Pace, Fire Start Hanover in 2-Year-Old Filly Pace, and Amigo Volo in 3-Year-Old Colt Trot.
- * Led all drivers in North America in purses each of the past three years.
- * Set a career high with \$15 million in purses in 2022.
- * Has won more than 1,800 races and \$61 million in purses since arriving in the U.S. from New Zealand in the summer of 2018.
- * Top Grand Circuit win so far in 2023 came with Alrajah One (IT) in the Maple Leaf Trot on Sept. 2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Also won Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series finals with 3-year-old male trotter Ari Ferrari J and 3-year-old female pacer Twin B Joe Fresh on Sept. 17 at Lexington's Red Mile.
- * Led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017.
- * Won the 2015 World Driving Championship.

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.

- * Ranks sixth in Breeders Crown history with 24 trophies.
- * He is third among active drivers, trailing Brian Sears (35) and David Miller (30). John Campbell holds the record with 48 victories in the series.
- * Won multiple Breeders Crown trophies in a year on seven occasions.
- * Captured his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 3-year-old female trotter Southwind Serena, at odds of 50-1.
- * Most recent Crown came with 3-year-old female pacer Peaky Sneaky at Harrah's Hoosier Park in 2020.
- * Led all drivers in North America in purses four consecutive years, 2014-2017. Has been no worse than third for the past 11 years.
- * Entered the week No. 1 in purses among all drivers in 2023 with more than \$11.8 million.
- * Ranks four all time among all drivers in career purses with more than \$227 million.
- * Has won more than 8,700 races lifetime.
- * Top Grand Circuit wins so far in 2023 came with Celebrity Bambino in the Canadian Trotting Classic on Sept. 23 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and with Cannibal on July 29 in the Delvin Miller Adios at The Meadows. Also won a Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series final with 2-year-old male trotter Karl on Sept. 17 at the Red Mile.
- * 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 before moving to the Meadowlands.
- * Received the 2003 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * 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.

TONY HALL**Born: 6/12/1978 – Birthplace: Middletown, OH – Resides: Lebanon, OH**

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2017.
- * Has appeared in three Crown finals, with a best finish of fifth with 3-year-old male trotter Golden Wall As in 2022 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Has won more than 7,200 races and \$68 million in purses lifetime.
- * Set a career high for purses last year with \$5.68 million.
- * Has surpassed \$3 million in purses 15 of the past 16 years, including 2023.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Pioneer As in the Kentucky Sire Stakes final for 4-year-old female trotters on May 29 at Oak Grove and in the Cleopatra Invitational with Grace Hill on July 29 at Eldorado Scioto Downs.
- * Has been a top driver in Ohio and at The Meadows in Pennsylvania during his career.

JAMES MacDONALD**Born: 1/10/1986 – Birthplace: Prince Edward Island – Resides: Guelph, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2022, 2021.**

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2012.
- * Finished second to Bulldog Hanover in the 2022 Open Pace with Tattoo Artist at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Finished a close third behind Grace Hill and Test Of Faith in the Mare Pace with So Much More.
- * Set career highs in 2022 with 451 wins and \$9.91 million (Canadian). He led all drivers in Canada in both categories.
- * Also led all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2021.
- * Tops all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2023.
- * Has won more than 3,400 races and \$50 million (U.S.) in purses lifetime.
- * Top win so far this year came with Its A Love Thing in the She's A Great Lady Stakes on Sept. 23 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Won the 2017 World Driving Championship, hosted by Canada that year.
- * Brother of Mark MacDonald and Anthony MacDonald.

ANDREW McCARTHY**Born: 3/31/1986 – Birthplace: Bathurst, Australia – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- * Won the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters with Jujubee in 2021.
- * Jujubee went on to be named 2021 Dan Patch Award Trotter of the Year.
- * In 2019, McCarthy 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.
- * Top Breeders Crown finish in 2022 came with I Did It Myway, who was second to Pebble Beach in the final for 3-year-old male pacers.
- * A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced in North America since 2007. He has won more than 3,400 races and \$74 million in purses during that time.
- * Set career highs for wins with 315 and purses with \$8.72 million in 2021.
- * Won four New Jersey Sire Stakes championships this year, with 2-year-old male pacer Better Is Nice, 2-year-old male trotter Sig Sauer, 2-year-old female trotter Buy A Round, and 3-year-old male trotter Air Power.
- * McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Todd, now in the U.S., 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.

TODD MCCARTHY**Born: 2/24/1993 – Birthplace: Australia – Resides: Bordentown, NJ****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- * Won the 2022 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers with Pebble Beach at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Pebble Beach received the Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old male pacer.
- * McCarthy, the younger brother of driver Andy McCarthy, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2021 and drove in eight finals. His top finish was third (twice).
- * Moved to the U.S. at the end of August 2020.
- * Had contemplated leaving Australia to his continue his career in North America for several years but watching Andy win four Crown trophies in 2019 helped convince him to do it.
- * Since arriving in the U.S., Todd has won more than 900 races and \$24 million in purses.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Mommamia Volo in the Kentucky Filly Futurity on Oct. 8 at the Red Mile and with Allywag Hanover in the Harrah's Hoosier Park Pacing Derby on Sept. 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Won two million-dollar races last year, the Hambletonian with Cool Papa Bell and the North America Cup with Pebble Beach.
- * Joined brothers Andy and Luke as the winning driver of at least one \$1 million race, an unprecedented accomplishment for brothers. Andy won the 2020 Hambletonian with Ramona Hill. Luke has won multiple Miracle Mile trophies in Australia.
- * Received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2021.
- * McCarthy's accomplishments Down Under included winning the 2016 Australasian Young Drivers Championship and multiple New South Wales state and metropolitan premiership driving titles.

BOB McCLURE**Born: 9/26/1990 – Birthplace: Orangeville, Ontario – Resides: Rockwood, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2020.****Breeders Crown trophies: 2.**

- * Won the 2022 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old female pacers with Sylvia Hanover at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2020 by driving On A Streak to victory in the final for 2-year-old male trotters at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Has won more than 3,300 races and \$36 million (U.S.) in purses in his career.
- * Top victories so far this year came with Sylvia Hanover in the Fan Hanover Stakes on June 17 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and in the Mistletoe Shalee on July 15 at the Meadowlands. Also won Ontario Sire Stakes championships with 2-year-old male pacer Storm Shadow and 2-year-old male trotter Willowtime on Oct. 13 at Mohawk.
- * Finished No. 1 in purses in Canada in 2020 with C\$6.67 million.
- * Enjoying his fifth season with more than \$5 million (Canadian) in purses in last six years.
- * 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 victory for trainer Blais. Forbidden Trade was named Canada's Horse of the Year.
- * Received the 2019 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

DOUG McNAIR

Born: 12/29/1989 – Birthplace: Windsor, Ontario – Resides: Guelph, Ontario

O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2017. -- Breeders Crown trophies: 2.

- * Won the 2022 Breeders Crown Mare Pace with Grace Hill at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Previous Crown came in the 2017 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old male pacers with Stay Hungry, who went on to receive an O'Brien Award at the end of the season.
- * Has won more than 4,400 races and \$67 million (U.S.) in purses in his career.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Grace Hill in the Dayton Distaff Derby on Sept. 30 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway, Roses Are Red on June 17 at Woodbine Mohawk Park, and Milton Stakes on Sept. 16 at Mohawk.
- * Led all drivers in Canada in purses in 2017 with C\$5.92 million.
- * Topped \$5 million (Canadian) in purses eight times in past nine years, including 2023.
- * In 2017, drove pacer Dr J Hanover to the fastest mile in Canadian history, 1:46.4, at Mohawk. Since then, Bulldog Hanover and Warrawee Vital have equaled the record.
- * Represented Canada in the 2022 World Driving Championship and finished second. The competition featured races in the Netherlands, Germany, and Belgium.

MATTIAS MELANDER

Born: 8/4/1996 – Birthplace: Stockholm, Sweden – Resides: New Egypt, NJ

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2019.
- * Has appeared in two Crown finals, with a best finish of second behind 2-year-old male trotter Rome Pays Off in 2019.
- * Drives on a limited basis for his older brother, trainer Marcus Melander.
- * Has more than 100 wins and \$2.6 million in purses in his career.
- * Top win so far this year came with Air Power in the New Jersey Classic.
- * Came to the U.S. and worked for Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, the winningest trainer in Breeders Crown history. Planned to return home after a year, but Takter talked him into staying.

ANDY MILLER

Born: 9/7/1968 – Birthplace: Mattoon, IL – Resides: Millstone Township, NJ

Breeders Crown trophies: 5.

- * Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2004 with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover, who was trained by his brother Erv. It also was Erv's first 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.
- * Remaining Crowns came with 2-year-old male trotter Manofmanymissions in 2010, 2-year-old female pacer Somwherovrainbow in 2012, and 2-year-old male pacer Traceur Hanover in 2014.
- * Got career win 10,000 on Aug. 20 at Lexington's Red Mile. He was the 21st driver in North American history to reach that milestone.
- * Ranks 13th in history for purses, with \$140 million.
- * Top win so far this year came with French Wine in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship on Sept. 3 at Harrah's Philadelphia. French Wine finished second by a head behind Tactical Approach in the Kentucky Futurity on Oct. 8 at the Red Mile.
- * 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.
- * Andy and Julie were married in 1996 and started their harness racing stable the same year. Their son Tyler started driving on a regular basis in 2020.

DAVID MILLER**Born: 12/10/1964 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Robbinsville, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2014. - **Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2016, 2015, 2003.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 30.

- * Ranks No. 2 among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins with 30. He is tied with Ron Pierce for third most in the series, behind only John Campbell (48) and Brian Sears (35).
- * Set the record for most Breeders Crown victories in a single year with five in 2015. He accomplished the feat at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.
- * Has won multiple Breeders Crown finals in a year eight times in his career.
- * Won a 2022 Crown with 2-year-old male pacer Ammo at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Collected two trophies in 2021, with 3-year-old filly pacer Test Of Faith and 3-year-old male pacer Perfect Sting.
- * Test Of Faith was the 2021 Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year and Perfect Sting was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 3-year-old male pacer.
- * Won Breeders Crown titles with two other Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year recipients, No Pan Intended in 2003 and Always B Miki in 2016.
- * Captured his first Crown in 2000 with Magician in the Open Trot.
- * Got career win 14,000 on May 19 at Harrah's Philadelphia. He ranks No. 6 among all drivers in North American history in victories.
- * Ranks No. 2 in purses all time, with \$280 million.
- * Has finished among the top five in purses 23 of the past 24 years.
- * Top wins so far this year have come with T C I in the Mohawk Million on Sept. 23 and William Wellwood Memorial on Aug. 26, both at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Won the Peter Haughton Memorial with T C I on Sept. 15 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Other top wins include the William R. Haughton Memorial with Charlie May, Hambletonian Maturity with M-M's Dream, and John Cashman Memorial and Caesars Trotting Classic (at Harrah's Hoosier Park) with It's Academic.
- * 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.

LOUIS ROY**Born: 11/29/1989 – Birthplace: Rimouski, Quebec – Resides: Mississauga, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2019, 2018. - **Breeders Crown trophies:** 1.

- * Won a 2022 Breeders Crown with 2-year-old male trotter Gaines Hanover at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2017.
- * Has won 2,400 races and \$33 million (U.S.) in purses in his career.
- * Led all Canadian drivers in purses with C\$6.79 million and wins with 413 in 2018.
- * Ranks No. 2 in purses among drivers in Canada in 2023, with more than \$6 million.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Tattoo Artist in the Canadian Pacing Derby on Sept. 2 and with Drawn Impression in the Peaceful Way Stakes on Aug. 26, both at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Also won the Jim Ewart Memorial and Dayton Derby with Tattoo Artist.
- * Spent six years competing, and dominating, on the Quebec fair circuit before making a name for himself at Hippodrome 3R (Trois-Rivières), which propelled him to regular drives on the Woodbine-Mohawk/Ontario circuit.
- * Won the 2016 Gold Cup & Saucer with YS Lotus and received Canada's Future Star Award.
- * Roy is a graduate of the University of Quebec at Rimouski. For the first two years of his driving career, he also worked as a financial analyst for a telecommunications company.

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: 35.

- * Leads active drivers in wins in Breeders Crown finals with 35 and is second all time in the history of the series. Sears trails only John Campbell (48).
- * Won one trophy in 2021 with 2-year-old filly trotter Joviality S.
- * Captured at least one Breeders Crown trophy for 12 consecutive years, 2003 through 2014. He has won multiple finals in a year 10 times.
- * 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: four in each 2004 and 2005, and three in each 2006, 2008 and 2009. He had two victories in 2007.
- * 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 winners.
- * Won more than 10,400 races and \$214 million in purses in his career.
- * Ranks 17th in North American history in wins and No. 6 in purses.
- * Led the sport in purses in 2005 with a then-record \$15 million.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Date Night Hanover in the Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series final on Sept. 17 at the Red Mile and with Venerate in the Arthur J. Cutler Memorial on May 20 at the Meadowlands.
- * Leads all active drivers in Hambletonian wins with three. John Campbell holds the record with six. No other driver has won the race more than four times.
- * In 2009, Sears became the first driver to win the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in the same year. He won the Hambletonian with Muscle Hill for trainer Greg Peck and the Oaks with Broadway Schooner for trainer Jim Campbell.
- * Doubled again in 2013, capturing the Hambletonian with Royalty For Life for trainer George Ducharme and the Oaks with Bee A Magician for trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman.
- * Was the 1991 Rising Star Award recipient from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * 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.

JORDAN STRATTON

Born: 6/30/1987 – Birthplace: Ottawa, OH – Resides: Montgomery, NY

- * Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2020.
- * Has appeared in three Crown finals, with a best finish of second with Crystal Fashion in the 2020 Open Trot at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Topped \$8 million in purses in 2022 for the third time in his career.
- * Has won more than 5,300 races and \$95 million in purses lifetime.
- * Top wins so far this year came with Captain Batboy in the MGM Grand Messenger Stakes on June 30 at MGM Yonkers Raceway and with Voukefalas in the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship on May 27 at the Meadowlands.
- * Was the leading driver in wins at Yonkers in 2021 and finished second in 2022.
- * Received the 2009 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2009.
- * Stratton's decision to pursue a career in racing can be traced back to 2001, when he was the groom for two-time Ohio Sire Stakes champion Noble Cam, trained by his father, David.
- * One of Stratton's early memorable moments came in 2006 when he drove Noble Cam to victory at Monticello Raceway in an amateur event.
- * Stratton's younger brother Cory also drives and trains.

AKE SVANSTEDT (see trainers section)**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:** 22.

- * Ranks fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 22 and is No. 7 all time in the series.
- * Won a trophy with 2-year-old male trotter Rebuff in 2021.
- * Captured 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.
- * Won multiple trophies five other years, most recently in 2018.
- * In 2014, 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.
- * Collected his first Crown trophy in 2007 with Artistic Fella in the Open Pace at Mohawk.
- * Has won more than 13,500 races and \$266 million in purses during his career.
- * Ranks No. 7 all time among North American drivers in wins. Ranks No. 3 in purses.
- * Top wins so far this year include the Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace, and Max C. Hempt Memorial with Confederate; the Hambletonian Oaks with Heaven Hanover; and the Jim Doherty Memorial with Soiree Hanover.
- * Confederate is the No. 1-ranked horse in the Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll.
- * 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.
- * Led the sport in purses seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013, and was No. 1 again in 2018 and 2019. Has not finished worse than third since 2006.
- * No. 2 in purses this season with more than \$11.1 million.
- * On his way to finishing in the Top 10 in wins for the 19th consecutive year.
- * 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 Harrah's Hoosier Park.

TRACE TETRICK**Born: 9/29/1986 – Birthplace: Flora, IL – Resides: Anderson, IN****Breeders Crown trophies:** 3.

- * First Breeders Crown came in 2015 with Freaky Feet Pete in the final for 3-year-old male pacers at Toronto's Woodbine Racetrack.
- * Won two trophies at his home track of Harrah's Hoosier Park in 2017, with 3-year-old female pacer Blazin Britches and 2-year-old male trotter Fiftydallarbill.
- * Has won more than 7,300 races and \$81 million in purses in his career.
- * Leads all drivers in wins at Harrah's Hoosier Park in 2023.
- * Has won the driving title at the track 11 times, including each of the past nine years.
- * Set a career high for purses in 2022, with \$7.24 million. Has topped \$6 million this year.
- * Top win so far this year came with Southwind Cherry in the Moni Maker Stakes on Sept. 22 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2017.
- * Brother of driver Tim Tetrick.

KYLE WILFONG**Born: 6/24/1991 – Birthplace: Watseka, IL – Resides: Anderson, IN**

- * Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- * Has won more than 1,900 races and \$17 million in purses in his career.
- * Earned more than \$3 million in purses so far in 2023, breaking his previous career best of \$2.57 million set last year.
- * Top win so far this season came with Ponda Title in the Indiana Sire Stakes championship on Oct. 12 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Set career high for wins with 221 in 2022.
- * Drove six winners on Hawthorne's Night of Champions last year. He also had four second-place finishers on the 12-race card.
- * Ranks among the top-five drivers in wins this year at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Has won driving titles at Hawthorne Racecourse and Oak Grove.
- * His father, Brett, has won more than 1,200 races as a trainer. His grandfather, Lynn, who passed away in September, was inducted into the Indiana Standardbred Hall of Fame in 2020 and Indiana Horse Racing Association Hall of Fame in 2017. In addition to breeding and racing, Lynn Wilfong helped lobby for pari-mutuel racing in Indiana and spent a dozen years as president of the Indiana Trotting & Pacing Association.

PETER WRENN**Born: 9/23/1962 – Birthplace: Detroit, MI – Resides: Carmel, IN**

- * Won his first Breeders Crown final in 1994 with 2-year-old female pacer Yankee Cashmere and added the second in 1996 with 3-year-old female trotter Personal Banner.
- * Did not appear in the Breeders Crown again until 2017 when he drove Shnitzledosomethin to a second-place finish in the final for 2-year-old male pacers at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Has won more than 10,600 races and \$84 million in purses in his career.
- * Ranks 15th in lifetime wins among all drivers in North American history.
- * Top Grand Circuit win so far this year came with Helpoftheseason, trained by his wife, Melanie, in the Buckette on Sept. 20 at the Delaware (Ohio) County Fairgrounds.
- * Followed his father, Howard, into the sport. Wrenn cleaned his first stall at the age of 6 and drove in his first race at the age of 14.
- * Wrenn's brothers Gary, Ron and Mark also won races as drivers and trainers. His nephew, Ronnie Wrenn Jr., is appearing in his first Breeders Crown as a driver this year.

SCOTT ZERON**Born: 5/23/1989 – Birthplace: Montreal, Quebec – Resides: Campbell Hall, NY****Breeders Crown trophies: 6.**

- * Won a 2022 Breeders Crown with 3-year-old female pacer Treacherous Dragon at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- * 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 at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- * Won his first Breeders Crown in 2016 with Call Me Queen Be in the final for 3-year-old female pacers. Won a second trophy in 2018 with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch.
- * Captured two trophies in 2021, with Rocknificent in the Mare Pace and with 2-year-old male pacer Monte Miki.
- * Suffered multiple injuries in an accident on July 26, 2022. He returned to action Oct. 8, just prior to the Breeders Crown.
- * On Sept. 30 this year, surpassed \$100 million in career purses and joined Tim Tetrick (30) and Yannick Gingras (34) as the only drivers to reach the milestone before the age of 35.
- * Already has set a career high for purses in 2023, with \$9 million.
- * Has won more than 4,400 races lifetime.
- * Top wins so far this year include Tactical Approach in the Hambletonian Stakes and Kentucky Futurity; It's My Show in the Little Brown Jug and North America Cup; and Ucandoit Blue Chip in the Jugette.
- * Twice led all Canadian drivers in wins (2010 and 2011) before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013.
- * In 2012, received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- * Won the 2016 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.
- * His father, Rick, has won more than 8,100 races as a driver and 1,500 as a trainer.