A Showdown Looming In Crown 3YO Colt Pace?

Bettor’s Wish, Captain Crunch and Southwind Ozzi are arguably the “Big Three” among 3-year-old male pacers this year, but thus far this season they have not all lined up together in a race. The trio could finally meet up if they all advance out of Saturday’s Breeders Crown eliminations at Woodbine Mohawk Park and return for the Oct. 26 final.

“**If he had bled a little in that qualifier I wouldn’t have put the money out.**”

—trainer Bill MacKenzie about paying the $62,500 supplemental fee for Southwind Ozzi

Jenna’s Beach Boy winner and Ontario standout Century Farroh, who was a $62,500 Crown supplemental entry.

Captain Crunch drew post 2 in the first of the two Crown elimins (Race 10) while Bettor’s Wish and Southwind Ozzi will respectively start from posts 1 and 3 in the second elim (Race 11). The top five finishers in each elim earn a ticket to the $500,000 final.

While Captain Crunch may have avoided Bettor’s Wish and Southwind Ozzi, his elimination is far from easy as the field includes Meadowlands Pace champ Best In Show and Jenna’s Beach Boy winner and Ontario standout Century Farroh, who was a $62,500 Crown supplemental entry.

Captain Crunch’s signature win in the North America Cup in mid-June came at Mohawk Park, but in a return for the Simcoe on Aug. 31 he finished third—behind Century Farroh and Best In Show.

Captain Crunch comes into the Crown elimins off a pair of second-place finishes in Grand Circuit events at The Red Mile, efforts that came after trainer Nancy Johansson added Lasix. In his second start, in a Tattersalls division on Oct. 5, Captain Crunch left fast, yielded position, and then rallied back late to finish just a neck behind winner Bettor’s Wish.

“He raced really good the first week too, even if he was a little short,” said Johansson. “He’s coming into form and

I think he’ll be fine. He trained very good (Tuesday).”

Southwind Ozzi firmly thrust himself in the middle of the Dan Patch Award discussion following his Little Brown Jug victory, which came on the heels of capturing the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes championship. After a 17-day layoff following his Jug triumph, Southwind Ozzi returned for the Tattersalls Pace at The Red Mile, where he finished second—by a head—to Dancin Lou (who starts from post 3 in the first Crown elim).

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Friday, October 18
7:50p Wbsb1 Breeders Crown 2FT elim
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8:30p Wbsb3 Breeders Crown 2FT elim
8:50p Wbsb4 Breeders Crown 2FP elim
9:30p Wbsb6 Breeders Crown 2FP elim
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10:30p Wbsb9 Breeders Crown 2CP elim

Saturday, October 19
7:30p Wbsb2 Breeders Crown 3FT elim
7:50p Wbsb3 Breeders Crown 3FT elim
8:30p Wbsb5 Breeders Crown 3CT elim
8:50p Wbsb6 Breeders Crown OMT elim
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9:50p Wbsb9 Breeders Crown OMT elim
10:10p Wbsb10 Breeders Crown 3CP elim
10:30p Wbsb11 Breeders Crown 3CP elim

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Trainer Bill MacKenzie discovered after the Tattersalls that Ozzi had bled, so he wanted to add Lasix. Needing a line on the program with Lasix, MacKenzie sent Ozzi to Freehold Raceway, where he went a qualifying mile in 1:56.2 on Oct. 11. Not eligible to the Crown, Ozzi’s owners Vincent Ali Jr. and Alma Iafelice had to pay the $62,500 supplemental fee, and MacKenzie said writing the check was dependent on the qualifier result.

“‘We knew when we qualified him that if he didn’t bleed in that mile on a little bit of Lasix that we were going to go,” said MacKenzie. “If he had bled a little in that qualifier I wouldn’t have put the money out.”

With 11 wins and four seconds in 15 starts this year, Bettor’s Wish has been the most consistent of the division. One of Bettor’s Wish’s victories came in the $400,000 Milstein Memorial at Northfield Park, with Southwind Ozzi finishing fifth, his only off-the-board effort this year.

“I haven’t had a chance to face him since he beat me at Northfield, and right now he’s the best and pretty solid,” MacKenzie said about Bettor’s Wish.

Trainer Chris Ryder couldn’t be happier with Bettor’s Wish’s season.

“We made the Breeders Crown; he survived the year and made it there,” Ryder said about the richest Standardbred of 2019 with $1,288,944. “And that’s what we all want to do, go to the Breeders Crown and have a shot. I’m pleased to be where we are.” — By Gordon Waterstone

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Ontario Pacing Colts
Taking Shot In Crown

While Bettor’s Wish, Captain Crunch and Southwind Ozzi are the big three for the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace eliminations, three sophomores who have rarely or never raced outside of Ontario are hoping for a home-track advantage: Century Farroh, Fixed Idea and Bronx Seelster.

Although he finished third in the Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final on Oct. 12, Century Farroh is the most accomplished of the trio with 12 wins in 15 starts, including the $170,000 Jenna’s Beach Boy at Harrah’s Hoosier Park. He also finished third to Bettor’s Wish in the Milstein Memorial at Northfield Park.

Century Farroh is owned by Ratchford Stables of North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and as a 2 year old he was trained down in Nova Scotia by owner Dave Ratchford. The colt showed talent as a freshman and earned $66,733 for Ratchford, so he decided to send him to Dr. Ian Moore last winter, since Moore stables at Southern Oaks in Florida.

Despite the third-place finish in the Ontario Super Final, Dr. Moore is hopeful the colt will be better in the Breeders Crown. The connections paid $62,500 to supplement the colt to the race.

“We were disappointed, but it was not totally unexpected,” he said of the colt’s loss after going 22 days without a race. “It’s tough to keep one going all year long. Last week I had planned to train him and I didn’t get to train him because he wasn’t quite 100 percent. After the (Super Final) race he was blowing pretty good, so I think he was a little short. I plan on training him Thursday this week so we should be sharper.”

The other Ontario-based Crown contenders in the division are Fixed Idea, who finished fifth in the Super Final but won at Mohawk in 1:51.2 on Oct. 7, and Bronx Seelster, who finished sixth in the Super Final for trainer Wayne McGean but has changed hands. The winner of last year’s Battle of Waterloo, Bronx Seelster was purchased privately after the Super Final by Allard Racing, Bruce Soulsby, Alan Weisenberg and Stephen Klunowski, and is now trained by Rene Allard.—By Kathy Parker

### Three Impeccably-Bred 2019 Yearlings from multiple stakes-winning families!

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Always A Virgin-Lady In Pink |
First foal from a three-quarter sister to multiple World Champion and Meadowlands Pace winner A ROCKNROLL DANCE p,4,1:47.2 ($2,429,441) and half-sister to the dam of multiple stakes winner LYONS NIGHT HAWK p,3,1:50f-'19 ($230,408). |

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| Hip 309 Swandover Victory, bc |
Swan For All-Lima Pizzaz |
First foal from a half-sister to SPOILER ALERT 1:54.1-'19 ($91,787). Second dam is a three-quarter sister to multiple stakes winner CEDAR DOVE 4,1:52.3 ($1,178,930-dam of 2019 Hambletonian Oaks winner WHEN DOVESCRY 3,1:50.1-'19 ($728,266). |

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**Selling his half-sister, Hip 89 Somethingbeautiful**

**Hip 41 Jamaican Smile, bf**
*Jailhouse Jesse-Janet*
First foal from stakes placed JANET 3, 1:56f ($50,403), full sister to stakes winner SUEGRABBITNRUN 1:55.3h ($171,603). Second dam is a half-sister to LINDY’S HEIRESS 3, 1:58 ($126,904).

**Hip 77 Stormin Justin, bc**
*Rockin Image-So Long My Love*
Half-brother to SAPPHIRE LOVE CHIP p,2,1:54.1 ($17,660). Second foal and first colt from stakes winner SO LONG MY LOVE p,1:52.3h ($165,018), half-sister to multiple stakes winner LET’S DRINK ON IT p,4,1:48.3 ($851,927) and multiple 2YO stakes winner YS MATHIS p,2,1:51.3-19 ($182,426).

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**Hip 85 Virgo, bg**
*Always A Virgin-Star Of The Show*
Half-brother to multiple stakes winner AMERICAN PASSPORT p,3,1:51f ($352,327). From a half-sister to IDEAL MATTERS p,1:49f ($648,357), FROST DAMAGE BLUES p,4,1:49.4 ($339,793) and the dam of STATE TREASURER p,1:47 ($1,908,368).

**Hip 89 Somethingbeautiful, bf**
*Always A Virgin-Summer N Sand*

**Hip 90 Loveatfirstglance, bc**
*Rockin Image-Lady Juno*
First foal from a 1:53.2 half-sister to five $100,000-plus winners, including the pair of multiple stakes winners FOREVER JUST p,1:50 ($690,541) and BETTOEVER p,1:50.4f-19 ($496,811).

**Hip 120 My Golden One, bc**
*Rockin Image-My Taylor’s Maid*
Full brother to multiple stakes winner MATRIX OF LUCK p,3,1:50.3 ($405,124). From the family of “Horse of the Year” STAYING TOGETHER p,4,1:48.2 ($1,692,832).

**Hip 212 Danessa, bf**
*Here Comes Herbie-Demons N Diamonds*
First foal from stakes winner DEMONS N DIAMONDS 3, 1:54f ($132,731). Second dam is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner WHITEWATER RAPIDS 3, 1:57h ($247,198).

**Hip 228 Explosive Bling, brc**
*Whom Shall I Fear-Emerald Bling*
First foal from EMERALD BLING 4, 1:56f ($80,102). Second dam is multiple stakes winner and Breeders Crown elim winner SNAZZY MILLIE 1:53.1 ($1,011,829).

**Hip 282 Ready For Luck, bc**
*Always A Virgin-Rock Me Santilli*
Half-brother to ROCK ME GORGEOUS p,4,1:50.4 ($206,103) and KINDA LIKE KORI p,3,1:53.1-19 ($32,457). First foal from a full sister to TALKING BLUES p,4,1:49.4 ($387,899) and GETTING GREADYTOROLL p,3,1:49.2 ($271,149).

**Hip 297 Sparkling Dawn, bf**
*Rockin Image-Sunflower*
Half-sister to multiple stakes placed 2-year-old SAMMONSLETROLL p,2,1:53.4-19 ($16,253). Second foal from a half-sister to multiple stakes winner SKIPPIN BY p,1:49.4f ($882,254).

**Hip 358 Now I Love You, bf**
*Waldorf Hall-Nowerland Firebird*
First foal from stakes winner NOWELAND FIREBIRD 4, 1:56.1f ($250,272), half-sister to three $100,000-plus winners, including CERVEZA DINERO 1:54.3h ($242,947) and NOWELAND NATHAN 1:56.3h ($200,713).

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**Hip 367 Carbon Cider, bf**
*Rockin Image-Nutmegs Cider*
First foal from multiple stakes winner NUTMEGS CIDER p,1:52.2 ($183,266), half-sister to the dam of PROVEN DESIRE p,1:51.2h-19 ($4,16,467).

**Hip 370 Whom Shall I Wham, bg**
*Whom Shall I Fear-Wham Hanover*
Half-brother to WOW LESTER 3, 1:54.1-19 ($102,880) and WHAM BAM GUCCIO 3, 1:56f ($95,962). From a half-sister to WAIKIKI HANOVER 1:56.3f ($179,652) and DEMANDING SAM 2, 1:55.2 ($120,789).
Atlanta Takes On 10 In Crown Open Trot

The Breeders Crown Mare Trot attracted 15 entries so a pair of eliminations will be held on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park, while 11 entrants into the Open Trot will head directly to the final on Oct. 26.

Among the group of 11 older trotters is European invitee Bold Eagle. The France-based trotter is the first foreign classic winner to accept a Breeders Crown invitation since 2014, when Commander Crowe came across the Atlantic to win the Open Trot at the Meadowlands.

The Open Trot also includes the 4-year-old mare Atlanta, who led the first three-quarters of the 1 ¼-mile $1 million International at Yonkers Raceway last Saturday before fading to seventh. Trainer Ron Burke said afterward the sub-par effort was a result of Atlanta suffering “the thumps,” a condition in horses where there is an irregular spasm of the diaphragm, which actually causes a thumping sound.

While dehydration sometimes induces the condition, Burke said he was unsure of the actual cause for the mare. “We’re not sure,” he said. “Her blood work was already back to normal by Monday. It’s an aberration, you throw it out, and you work on getting her as healthy as possible.”

Still, Burke was pleased eliminations were not needed for the Open Trot. “I’m glad we didn’t have to race her this week because it gives her another week to recover,” he said of Atlanta, whose career-best 1:49.1 effort in the Graduate final in July at the Meadowlands was at the time the fastest ever by a female trotter (since bested by one of the Graduate final in July at the Meadowlands was the fastest ever by a female trotter (since bested by one-the Graduate final in July at the Meadowlands was at the time the fastest ever by a female trotter (since bested by one-

Burke will also send out Hannelore Hanover in the Open Mare Trot. Hannelore Hanover won the 2016 Mare Trot and ‘17 Open Trot and will be starting from post 6 in a seven-horse field that includes world champion Plunge Blue Chip as well as supplemental entry Custom Cantab.

Hannelore Hanover avoided Manchego—she of the 1:49 world-record effort on Oct. 6 at The Red Mile—who starts in the second elim, and that was key to Burke. It was also a reason he entered Atlanta in the Open against her male peers. “Being honest, the best horse in the country right now to me is Manchego,” said Burke. “She was going against the girls and I’m thinking, I can go against the boys for twice as much money (with Atlanta) and not race the hardest horse right now to beat.”

Now seven, Hannelore Hanover has not won in four starts since capturing a Great Northeast Series leg on Sept. 1 at Harrah’s Philadelphia. After finishing second in the Great Northeast final, Hannelore finished fifth in the Caesars Trotting Classic at Harrah’s Hoosier Park, sixth in the All-Will Take Charge

OPEN HORSE TROT (alphabetical order)

• Atlanta
• Bold Eagle
• Dunbar Hall
• Fiftydollarbill
• Guardian Angel As
• Lindy The Great
• Marion Marauder
• Mission Accepted
• Six Pack
• Southwind Chrome
• Will Take Charge

“where she came from at that quarter, she trotted home good,” he said. “I’m fine with Hannelore. Lexington was a disaster, and I know what happened, and for five days later to be that much better, I was thrilled.

“She’s still Hannelore; she’ll figure it out.”

Burke has 18 Crown starters and perhaps his strongest contender is the 3-year-old filly pacer Warrawee Ubeaut, who brings a six-race winning streak into the single elim. With 12 entered, the two richest had a chance to receive a bye directly into the final, but Burke declined for Warrawee Ubeaut. So while Treacherous Reign and Sunny Dee sit this week out waiting for the rich finale, Warrawee Ubeaut will start from post 6 in the elim with driver Yannick Gingras.

“If I win I am guaranteed posts 1 through 5 (for the final),” noted Burke. “She has to finish eighth (to advance), and if she can’t finish eighth, I don’t deserve to be in the Breeders Crown. So I’m going to race her.”—By Gordon Waterstone

$600,000 Breeders Crown 2CT (first seven finishers, plus Real Cool Sam, Port Perry & Capricornus (byes) advance to Oct. 25 final)

Woodbine Mohawk Park, Friday, Oct. 18, 1st $25,000 elimination, Race 2, Post Time: 8:10 pm

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Swan For All - Sephora De Vie - Cantab Hall
Second foal and first colt from stakes winner SEPHORA DE VIE 3,1:54.4 ($109,457), half-sister to International stakes winner EXPLOSIVE DE VIE 2,2:02.3 ($426,921).

*Hip 99 MJR Moejoe, brown colt
Whom Shall I Fear - Define A Decade - Jailhouse Jesse
First foal from a half-sister to O’Brien award winner and Canadian stakes star DEFINE THE WORLD 1:51.4 ($1,654,115). Second dam a half-sister to SIROCCO SPUR 3,1:56.1f ($497,758).

Hip 180 Dreamlands Swan, black colt
Swan For All - Fashion Voyager - Broadway Hall
Full brother to stakes placed Swan Fashion 2,2:00.1-19 ($12,301). Second foal and first colt from a stakes-winning full sister to Breeders Crown winner PILGRIMS TAJ 3,1:53.3 ($996,748).

Hip 208 Rockinwithpride, black filly
Rockin Image - Grandiose Gal - Jate Lobell

Hip 233 Jessie’s Swan, bay colt
Swan For All - Quick Hit Jessie - Jailhouse Jesse
First foal from stakes winner QUICK HIT JESSIE 3,1:56 ($60,423), full sister to multiple stakes winner JESSE’S STORY 4,1:55f ($259,725). Second dam a full sister to DONTTELLMYWIFE 4,1:53.4 ($563,718).

Hip 254 Swanful Grace, black filly
Swan For All - Graceful Way - Cantab Hall
Half-sister to multiple stakes winner L DEES SCRIPTURE 2,1:58.3f ($211,608). From a full sister to CANTABMYWAY 4,1:54f ($149,119).

Hip 302 Rockin Dandy, bay colt
Rockin Image - Miss Liz - Bettor’s Delight
Three-quarter brother to stakes winner ANGELS ROCKIN PINK p,3,1:52.1f ($229,654) and half-brother to ISITLIKEITLOOKS p,3,1:53-19 ($61,069). From a half-sister to CONCUR p,1:51.1f-19 ($205,748).

*Hip 346 Swan Fine Lady, black filly
Swan For All - Ladyhattan - Credit Winner
Half-sister to CANTAB’S MASTER 4,1:55.1f-19 ($68,540) and CANTAB’S MAJIC 3,1:56.3 ($51,420). First by Swan For All from a half-sister to CANTABBY 4,1:57.4f ($42,343). From the family of PEACEFUL WAY 4,1:51.4 ($2,748,050).

Hip 361 Gypsy’s Special, bay filly
Rockin Image - Mystical Gypsy - Bettor’s Delight
Three-quarter or half-sister to 3 in 1:54, including stakes winner TRIBAL WAR p,3,1:53.1 ($53,132). From stakes winner MYSTICAL GYPSY p,3,1:51.2 ($76,860), half-sister to 3 sub-1:50 winners, including LOAD THE DICE p,4,1:49.1 ($853,290).

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Millies Possession Looks To Rebound In Crown Elims

The second of two Breeders Crown eliminations for 3-year-old filly trotters on Saturday night at Mohawk Park appears much tougher on paper than the first as the field includes Hambletonian Oaks winner When Dovescry, Kentucky Filly Futurity winner Beautiful Sin, and Pennsylvania Sires Stakes champ Millies Possession.

Millies Possession, who was second to When Dovescry in the Oaks in early August, finished seventh in the Filly Futurity behind Beautiful Sin (When Dovescry was third) on Oct. 6 at The Red Mile. It was the first off-the-board finish for Millies Possession, who had won 10 of 12 starts this year going into that race—including a career-best 1:51.1 in capturing a Reynolds division on July 6 at the Meadowlands. The filly did not race as a 2 year old.

"She didn’t race good and we scoped her afterward and she was sick."
—Jim Campbell

"She didn’t race good and we scoped her afterward and she was sick," explained Campbell. "I had about four or five horses that were sick in Lexington. They all uncharacteristically had no pop in them and no go, and she was one of them. So it wasn’t a good test on Lasix then, but it should be a better test this start.

"She had a legitimate excuse and hopefully everything will be good for her this weekend and so on."—By Gordon Waterstone

**Hammer Recovering From Surgery**

Horseman Roger Hammer is recovering in a Johnstown, Pa., hospital following triple bypass heart surgery on Monday, Oct. 14.

Hammer, who is 73, is best known for his unexpected victory in the 2005 Hambletonian with Vivid Photo. Later that year Vivid Photo finished second in the Breeders Crown championship and was voted 3-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year.

This year Hammer has remained active, driving in 187 races and sending out 393 starters. He traveled the Pennsylvania fair circuit with his horses this year, as he has done for many years.

Get-well wishes can be sent to Hammer, who is known as a man constantly in motion, maintaining his farm and racing stable, to PO Box 673, Bedford, Pa. 15522-0673.

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**Hip 26 Woodside Emkea, blkf**
Swan For All-Pretty New
Full or half-sister to CHARLES VII 1:54.1f ($305,607) and PRETTY SWANDERFULL 1:51.2 ($75,248). From PRETTY NEW 3,1:57.3 ($88,497), half-sister to PRETTY ANN SAVAGE 3,1:58f ($91,291).

**Hip 155 Woodside Effie, bf**
JK Endofanera-Bahama Blue
First foal from multiple stakes winner BAHAMA BLUE p,3,1:51f ($203,463) and from the first crop of North America Cup winner JK Endofanera. Second dam is World Champion ISABELLA BLUE CHIP p,2,1:51.2 ($792,069).

**Hip 201 Woodside Emileah, bf**
Guccio-Cutie Pie
Full sister to multiple stakes placed TATIANA ROMANOVA 3,1:56.1-’19 ($75,248). Third foal from CUTIE PIE 1:55.3f ($178,273).

**Hip 214 Valiant Dewey, bg**
Whom Shall I Fear-Deweye Or Donteye
First foal from a half-sister to TAMASIN HALL 4,1:53.1f ($104,799), whose first foal is the multiple stakes placed 2019 2YO Ap Hall Of Trix r.t. 2,1:57.3-’19 ($27,020).

**Hip 279 Woodside Escot, bg**
Guccio-Jailhouse Diva
First foal from JAILHOUSE DIVA 4,1:56.1f ($117,620), half-sister to multiple Indiana Sire Stakes winner MEASUREDPERFECTION 3,1:53.1-’19 ($343,605) and ALL SET LETS GO 3,1:57.3f ($121,399).

**Hip 294 Woodside Ember, bf**
Guccio-Lady Blitz
Second foal (oldest now two) from multiple stakes winner LADY BLITZ 4,1:53.3 ($457,210).

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Seeyou At Thebeach Draws Inside Top Colts In 2YO Pace

With connections of two horses—Capt Midnight and Catch The Fire—accepting byes, only one 10-horse elimination is necessary for the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace.

There are familiar faces in the elimination in Metro winner Tall Dark Stranger (post 4), Pennsylvania Sires Stakes champion Papi Rob Hanover (post 6), and Lexington stakes winners Cattlewash (post 5) and Major Betts (post 9).

There are also a few youngsters in the Crown who don’t have big wins on their resumes but seem to be improving their game with each start. One of those colts is the Brian Brown-trained Seeyou At Thebeach. He earned his Breeders Crown start by finishing second to world champion Elver Hanover in an International Stallion Stakes division on Oct. 5 at the Red Mile. Elver Hanover is not Breeders Crown eligible and 2 year olds cannot be supplemented.

Seeyou At Thebeach will start from post 3 in the Crown elimination with Tim Tetrick driving. With two wins, two seconds and two thirds in 10 starts, Seeyou At Thebeach has earned $132,817 for owners Country Club Acres, Joe Sbrocco and Richard Lombardo.

Brown describes Seeyou At Thebeach as a late bloomer despite the fact that the colt started racing in mid-June and won his first stakes, an Arden Downs, on July 27. After winning a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes on Aug. 29 in 1:51.1 at Harrah’s Philadelphia, the colt went to the Metro and finished fourth in the final.

“It took him awhile to be solid,” said Brown of the $70,000 yearling. “There were a couple of races where he was flat at times.”

The progress Seeyou At Thebeach showed in the Metro unraveled in his first start in Lexington as he broke stride and finished seventh in a Bluegrass division.

“He got to jumping leaves that blew on the track when he was warming up,” explained Brown. “I put a shadow roll on him, but it made him worse. Then we trained him in it the second week and he was pretty good, although he wasn’t going to out-brush Elver Hanover.”

Brown had hoped his colt Workin Ona Mystery would be a top contender in the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace, but the third-place finisher in the Pepsi North America Cup and Meadowlands Pace has been intermittently sidelined by various ailments since the Pace.

Workin Ona Mystery skipped the Little Brown Jug, finished fourth in the Jenna’s Beach Boy at Harrah’s Hoosier Park, and then won a division of the Bluegrass impressively in 1:48.1 (:26 last quarter), defeating Captain Crunch.

“Two days after the win in Lexington, he had a temperature,” said Brown of the colt missing the Tattersalls.

“We’ve got him healthy and I put him in (for the Breeders Crown) but then took him out,” Brown added. “We might race him in an overnight at Hoosier Park right before the Monument Circle. If anything else comes up between now and then, we might just quit with him for the year.” —By Kathy Parker

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$600,000 Breeders Crown 2FT (first five finishers in each elim advance to Oct. 25 final)

Woodbine Mohawk Park, Friday, Oct. 18, 1st $25,000 elimination, Race 1, Post Time: 7:50 pm

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Only Take Cash Heads To Crown Elims “Sharp As A Tack”

With 16 trophies, Bob McIntosh is the second winningest trainer in Breeders Crown history, behind only Jimmy Takter, who has won 33 championships. McIntosh also stands third on the all-time Crown earnings list, with $6,411,233, behind only Takter and Ron Burke.

McIntosh arguably has a great chance to add a 17th Crown trophy to his mantel when he sends out the 3-year-old filly Only Take Cash in the first of two eliminations on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Driven by Trevor Henry, Only Take Cash will start from post 3.

A daughter of Cash Hall, Only Take Cash is out of the Garland Lobell mare Armbro Affair, winner of the 2004 Breeders Crown Older Mare Trot for McIntosh. Robert McIntosh Stables and CSX Stables bred Only Take Cash, who is now owned by Robert McIntosh Stables, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables.

Only Take Cash has made 19 career starts with 15 wins, three seconds and one third. She has thrived in the Ohio Sires Stakes, capturing the rich final both last year and again in 2019.

While 14 of Only Take Cash’s starts have come in Ohio—including her career mark of 1:53.4 on Aug. 2 at Scioto Downs that set a track record—her other five were at Mohawk Park. She won a pair of 2-year-old overnights last year and this year she has two wins in three starts, including a 1:54.4 effort in a Casual Breeze division on Aug. 23.

“I couldn’t be happier with the way she’s going into the race,” said McIntosh, who recently went past the $100-million mark in earnings in Canadian dollars ($88 million U.S.). “She’s as good now as she was at the first of the year.

“I trained her (Wednesday) morning and couldn’t be happier. She is sharp as a tack.”

The 2018 Two-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year in Ohio and odds-on favorite to repeat in 2019, Only Take Cash has career earnings of $648,561. Her record comes despite her smallish stature.

“She’s not a big filly, but she has no wasted motion in her gait,” said McIntosh. “She has that ‘X factor’ that you can’t teach: She wants to win. She is a fighter.”

McIntosh has closely managed Only Take Cash’s schedule, with the filly having only nine starts last year and 10 thus far in 2019.

“She’s fresh as a daisy,” he said. “She hasn’t been overraced this year so I feel pretty good about her.” — By Gordon Waterstone

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Ontario Star Boadicea Ready For Crown Challenge

Cutting a check for a $62,500 (US) starting fee should not be a careless exercise, but trainer Bill Budd and company never gave it a second thought when it came to Boadicea and the Breeders Crown.

After the 3-year-old daughter of Big Jim won the $225,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Super Final on Saturday night at Mohawk (winner’s circle celebration picture above), co-owner Charles Lawrence made a beeline for the race office to pay the hefty supplemental fee.

“Listen, she’d made that money and more in that race alone. She has had a year where she has not been beaten up and deserves another shot at the American fillies,” explained Budd, who trains his team at Stephenson’s Training Centre near Flamboro Downs in Dundas, Ont.

“She went a big mile in the Super Final which was her first race in three weeks. All I did mid-week prior to the final was train her a mile with a half in 54 seconds and she was great. I could not ask for her to in better form so we’ll take our shot.”

Breeders Charles Lawrence and his grandson Gordon of Blenheim, Ont., were the ones who actually cut the check.

“That’s a big step to take and I know there are a lot of good horses in there but we hope we can do well, do the best we can;” he offered following the race. “It’s a lot of money for us to put up but we think we owe it to her.”

On Monday, Budd was mildly surprised that the field drew sufficient entries to require an elimination heat for the $550,000 (US) final. Boadicea drew post 9 in the 10-horse affair.

“Back at the end of June I said how impressed I was with her but I’m even more so now. She has grown into a big, powerful filly with everything—and I mean everything—going for her. There is just no quit to her and she carries that extra gear right through the finish line,” declared Budd.

“Even when she has gotten beaten she is right there. There is very little more one could expect.”

While Budd is maybe not a familiar name in the United States, he has compiled a solid resume developing horses like $3 million winner Boulder Creek and millionaires Nirvana Seelster and Sir Luck.

Budd has trained horses for the Lawrences off and on for a number of years, so it was no surprise when the request came for him to take on Boadicea. The homebred did not pass through a public auction but if she had Budd surmises she would have sold for in the $15,000-$20,000 range.

As a 2 year old Bodicea was lightly raced.

“She did make the races and won in 1:53 but was just not a stakes filly,” said Budd. “I said in September of that year, stop with her, turn her out because with her size she might make a big jump at three.”

He could not have been more on the money. Without leaving the Ontario circuit she went 8-3-1 in 13 starts and in September just missed knocking off Tall Drink Hanover in a division of the Simcoe Stake by half a length.

Boadicea is a filly that loves the fight, which has endeared her to Budd. Early in the campaign he said he saw nothing in the sophomore filly division that he would trade her for. In mid-October, he has yet to change his mind.—By Harold Howe

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Indiana Champ Taking On The Best
In 2YO Filly Pace Elims

Priceless, who last week won an Indiana Sire Stakes championship for her sixth victory of the season, was among the 21 horses entered in Friday's Breeders Crown eliminations for 2-year-old filly pacers at Woodbine Mohawk Park. The 44-year-old Brandon Bates trains and drives Priceless for owners Kevin Miller and Bert Hochsprung, who also are starting a horse in the Breeders Crown for the first time.

It will be Priceless’ second Grand Circuit start of the year (she won the Kentuckiana Stallion Management on Sept. 20 at Harrah’s Hoosier Park) and she is the 7-2 third choice on the morning line in the first of three eliminations.

Priceless, a daughter of Rockin Image, has earned $328,662 in nine starts. She heads to her Breeders Crown elimination off her 1:52.2 score in the Indiana champion, where she paced her final quarter-mile in :26.1 and won by 6 1/2 lengths over an off track.

“I don’t know that she’s been any better all year,” Bates said Tuesday. “She’s really matured and attitude wise she seems as happy as she could be. I couldn’t be more pleased.”

Bates and Priceless did not get off on the best foot.

“The first three days I didn’t like her at all,” Bates said with a laugh. “She laid down three days in a row. The first day I was brushing her and she laid down in the crossties. The second day I was putting hobbles on her and she laid down in the crossties. The second day I was putting hobbles on her and she laid down in the crossties. The third day, just before we were coming off the track, she kind of folded up and laid down in the jog cart.

“But when she got her mind on her business and her work, she just blossomed and excelled. She showed a lot of talent.”

One thing Bates has never had to worry about is Priceless missing any meals. The filly’s nickname is Pudgie.

“She likes to eat, and she looks like she’s a little fat,” Bates said. “Her race-night groom, Dani Copeland, gave her the nickname the first time we raced her down here. She’s a great eater.”

Bates would like to see Priceless eat up the racetrack Friday and advance to the Breeders Crown final.

“She’s got a lot of personality,” Bates said. “She gets turned out every day for as long as she wants to be out. She really likes that. She’s the first one out of the barn in the morning and then she gets back out and she likes to watch the other horses jog. She’ll pace some of them down the fence line and just really enjoys herself.”

An Ohio native who 20 years ago moved to Indiana, Bates has won 926 races as a driver and 194 as a trainer. He is on the board of the Indiana Standardbred Association and has worked full time in racing since the mid-2000s. Prior to then, he split his time between the horses and a job in a soybean processing facility.

Over the years, Bates thought he had two previous hopes of making it to the Breeders Crown, with trotters Haulin Laser (who got sick) and Swandre The Giant (who was sold).

“Hopefully the third time is the charm,” Bates said.— By Ken Weingartner/USTA

Advancing To The Crown Finals

Nine of the 12 divisions for this year’s Breeders Crown championships needed eliminations. The 2-Year-Old Filly Pace is the only division that required three eliminations, with the top three in each, plus the richest fourth-place finisher (determined by Standardbred Canada earnings) advancing to the final on Friday, Oct. 25.

For divisions that have two eliminations, the top five finishers in each will advance to their respective final. With 12 entries, the 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace, the 3-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot and the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace will have a single elim, with the top eight will advance and join the two that received byes. The 2-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Trot drew 13 entries, so the top seven will advance and join three that received byes.

Elimination winners, in an order determined by lot, will draw for post positions 1-5 for the final. All other finalists will be placed in an open draw for the remaining post positions. The winner of the single elim will draw for posts 1-5, with the other finalists in an open draw for posts.

The winner of the final receives 50 percent of the purse; one percent of the total purse will be paid to each finalist finishing sixth through last, including horses that are declared a non-starter for pari-mutuel purposes during the race by the judges, or those that don’t finish the race. The remainder of the purse will be divided 50-24-16-10 percent for the horses finishing second through fifth.
Kentucky breeder Jim Avritt Sr. will be sending out his homebred filly Beautyonthebeach in an elimination for the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Pace on Saturday night at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Unfortunately for Avritt, the filly will start from post 10. He also bred Crown contender Tall Dark Stranger, the undefeated winner of the Metro, who Avritt sold as a yearling for $330,000. Avritt has a small broodmare band at his Meadow Creek Farm in Lebanon, Ky., a small town made more notable because it is just a few miles from the Maker’s Mark Distillery. He’s hands on at his farm, even helping foal mares. He also still trains a couple of horses at the nearby fairgrounds. At the recent Lexington Selected Yearling Sale Avritt/Meadow Creek sold five yearlings, among them two colts by Somebeachsomewhere, one out of Precious Beauty (the dam of Sportswriter, who Avritt bred) and another from her daughter Precocious Beauty. They brought $225,000 and $190,000.

What is the greatest harness race you’ve ever seen?
That’s a tough one. My personal favorite is Precocious Beauty winning the She’s A Great Lady. The most emotional win for me is when she won the two Grand Circuit stakes here (at the Red Mile).

Who is the best horse you have ever had? Precocious Beauty.

Who is your favorite horse of all time?
I guess my foundation mare Dominque Semalu. She’s what put me on the map as a breeder.

How much time do you think there should be between races?
As little as possible. One year I went to the Kentucky Derby and there was so much time between races that I always say I spent a week one day at the Derby.

What are your favorite things to do when you are not working with your horses?
Golf. I enjoy that. I got to play Valhalla in Louisville (site of PGA championships).

What is your idea of a great holiday/vacation?
This year it would be going to Toronto for the Breeders Crown. Hopefully I’ll have Beautyonthebeach in, and it would be nice if Tall Dark Stranger wins. I’m not much of a sightseer.

What person or persons would you like to have dinner with—famous or not so famous?
Jimmy Takter. I’d like to pick his brain.

Are you a music lover? If so, what do you listen to?
I’m a country music guy.

Who do you think is the greatest Standardbred of all time?
I’d have to say Somebeachsomewhere or Muscle Hill.

What is your favorite meal for a celebration?
I guess cheese, beer cheese and ice tea. If I’m celebrating, if it’s a big one, I’d celebrate by getting a really nice trotting filly.

What’s something about you, or breeding horses, that most people don’t know?
Well, when it comes to breeding horses, all the problems you can have. You’ve got to get the mare in foal, then have the foal born alive, and then getting that foal to the sale without incident. There are a lot of things that have to go right.
Svanstedt Brings Sires Stakes Champs Into Crown

Third Shift and Moon Bridge got a little unscheduled time off recently because of sickness, but the two Ake Svanstedt trainees are ready to go Friday in the single Breeders Crown elimination for 2-year-old male trotters at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Thirteen horses were entered for the event, with the connections of Real Cool Sam, Port Perry, and Capricornus accepting byes to advance directly to the final. The top seven finishers from the remaining 10-horse field will join that trio in the $600,000 final Oct. 25 at Mohawk.

Third Shift, the New York Sires Stakes champion, is 8-1 and will be driven by Svanstedt from post 1. Moon Bridge, who won the Ontario Sire Stakes championship this past Saturday at Mohawk, is 10-1 and will start from post 7 with Sylvain Filion.

“Third Shift was sick, so we left him at home and decided to go for the Breeders Crown,” Svanstedt said. “It was the same with Moon Beam. He was sick and hadn’t raced for one month before the (Ontario) final. But both of them are sound and healthy now and I hope they can do good races.”

Third Shift enters Friday having last raced in the New York championship Sept. 14 at Batavia Downs. The colt, by two-time Breeders Crown champ Chapter Seven out of Overnight Command, zipped around the half-mile oval in a track- and stakes-record 1:56. He shaved more than a second off the previous Batavia standard of 1:57.1 and three-fifths of a second off the stakes record, which was set last year by Dan Patch Award winner Gimpanzee.

“He hasn’t raced since then, but he was very good in the final,” said Svanstedt, who owns Third Shift with Mellby Gard Inc. “He has trained good and everything is good with him. He has everything. He is fast and strong and has a very good head. He is a horse that always tries; he wants to win. He’s a good horse.”

Third Shift has won three of six races, finished second twice, and earned $198,212. His fastest win time of the campaign, 1:54.4, came at seven-eighths-mile Vernon Downs in a preliminary round of the New York Sires Stakes.

“He is a big horse, but he handled the (half-mile) tracks good,” Svanstedt said. “I hope he can go faster on the big track. He raced in (1):54 at Vernon in his third race, so I think he can go faster on the big track.”

Moon Bridge was unraced for nearly a month when he captured the Ontario title, beating Port Perry by a head in 1:55.4. The colt, by EL Titan out of Classic Belle, has won two of six races and earned $149,953 for owners Esa Lahtinen, Janne Korpi, and Jussi Hietalahti. He was bred by Lahtinen’s Overseas Farms and Korpi.

“He was good,” Svanstedt said. “He is a nervous horse, but he handles it good. We have to be careful with him; we always take it easy with him. But he is a good racehorse. He comes to race.” — (Ken Weingartner)
Italy’s Zacon Gio wins International

If the boisterous Italian contingent who found their way to Westchester Saturday afternoon (Oct. 12) could have lifted Zacon Gio onto their shoulders, they would have. The 4-year-old survived nine world-class rivals and an inquiry, winning Yonkers Raceway’s $1 million International Trot.

Ill. board withdraws dates for new harness track

A proposed harness racetrack in Illinois appears dead following an investigation that revealed that a partner in the venture, Gold Rush Gaming owner Rick Heidner, has been involved in numerous real estate transactions with Rocco Suspenzi, chairman of the board at Parkway Bank and Trust.

Giant Pick 5 pool expected Friday at Big M

When the second week of racing at the Meadowlands’ Fall Meeting begins Friday there will be plenty of big-green buzz as a giant pool figures to be up for grabs in the track’s 50-cent Pick-5 that kicks off with the first race at 7:15 p.m.

New Vocations soliciting Crown pledges

“Harness racing champions racing for yesterday’s stars is what the Breeders Crown pledge is all about,” stated Winnie Morgan Nemeth, the Standardbred Program Director for New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program.

Forbidden Trade, Alicorn among Ontario SS champions

If power, desire and intelligence are the traits of a champion, all three qualities were on vivid display during Saturday’s $1.8 million Super Finals at Woodbine Mohawk Park. Taking his place in the Ontario Sires Stakes history books, the 3-year-old trotting colt Forbidden Trade became just the 15th horse in the history of the year-end event to repeat as Super Final champion.

Significant purse increases for Garden State races

The SBOANJ has announced that there will be a significant purse increase to both the Garden State Trot #1 and the Garden State Trot #2 based on the addition of the state sired appropriation funding.

George Napolitano Jr. drives 10,000th winner

George Napolitano Jr. became the 18th North American driver to tally 10,000 driving victories, hitting the milestone on Saturday night at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono when he guided Motown N to a hard-earned victory in the evening’s ninth race.

KY breeder-owner Clyde Stevens dies at 80

Clyde Ralph Stevens, age 80, who raced many notable colts and fillies in Kentucky and the Midwest, passed away at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., on Friday, Oct. 11.
Harness Racing Leaders

Leading North American-Based Money-Winning Horses

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