

**(1) Karl (Tactical Landing-Avalicious-RC Royalty)**

A son of 2018 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot champion Tactical Landing, Karl won the first Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19 in 1:54. He brushed to the top in the second quarter and went on to a 4 1/2 length victory.

Karl has a record of 6-1-0 from seven starts, earnings of \$359,760 and is the fastest 2-year-old trotter in harness racing so far this year by virtue of a 1:51.2 performance at The Red Mile. His victories include a leg of the Kindergarten Series at the Meadowlands, two Kentucky Championship prelims, the Kentucky Championship Series final and his Bluegrass Series division, all at The Red Mile. He won his first five starts before falling a nose short of fellow Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot finalist T C I at The Red Mile on October 6.

Trainer Nancy Takter has eight Breeders Crown trophies to her credit, including a triumph with Treacherous Dragon in last year's 3-Year-Old Filly Pace final..

Karl is owned by Christina and Nancy Takter, Black Horse Racing (Barry Guariglia), Crawford Farms Racing (Al and Michelle Crawford) and Bender Sweden Inc. (Ove Bender). Christina Takter is one of the most successful owners in Breeders Crown history with 11 trophies and just over \$5 million in earnings. Black Horse Racing has a trio of Breeders Crown trophies, Crawford Farms Racing has four and Bender Sweden Inc. is in search of their first.

Karl was bred by Crawford Farms and sold for \$135,000 at the 2022 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Crawford Farms has bred one prior Breeders Crown champion - Ramona Hill in the 2019 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

**Quotes from trainer Nancy Takter:** "He was really super today (in his elimination). He's a very nice colt. He's very professional. Yannick (Gingras) said he drove perfectly for him so we are looking forward to next week.

"(On changing anything training him this week) No not really. My job is to keep him happy and healthy and keep him out of trouble. He's a good-feeling horse, so hopefully he continues to keep himself out of trouble. He's gone in 1:50 the last two weeks in a row and he shows up every day. He's just super happy and is a nice colt.

"He can be a little rambunctious sometimes but he's all boy. I don't really have a problem with that just as long as he does his job when it counts.

"What more can I say about him? They're nice horses, Tactical Landings. I've had two, him and [Hambletonian and Kentucky Futurity winner] Tactical Approach. I bought more at the sale [earlier this month in Lexington] so hopefully it keeps working well for me.

If you look at my Instagram page, I put a video up of him in April. He was just really good-gaited and had quick speed."



**(2)Private Access (Muscle Hill-Open Access-Credit Winner)**

A son of 2008 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot and 2009 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot champion Muscle Hill, Private Access pulled off a 19-1 upset in the second Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19. He cut the opening quarter, yielded to sit in the pocket, inherited the top spot again past the half when the leader made a break and held sway from there to tally by half a length in a life's-best 1:54.4.

The Breeders Crown elimination was the second career win for Private Access; his only other victory came in an overnight race on July 27 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He has a record of 2=1=1 from seven starts and has banked \$24,584.

Trainer Luc Blais has been victorious in the Breeders Crown on four occasions.

Private Access is owned by Serge Godin's Determination stable. Determination is a three-time Breeders Crown champion as an owner.

Private Access was bred by five-time Breeders Crown champion Fair Winds Farm and sold for \$250,000 at last year's Standardbred Horse Sale. Private Access's dam, the Credit Winner mare Open Access, is a full sister to two-time Breeders Crown finalist Dejarmbro and a half-sister to one of this year's Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot finalists in Chaparmbro.

**Quotes by trainer Luc Blais** - "I don't know what to say about that one. But I knew he had some talent; he was just a little bit immature. He needed more practice than usual. He would look around in the sky, not focus. He's a late-bloomer, but as long as they go forward, that's the main thing. In the last six weeks, he acted like a good horse in training and qualifying. He just needed more time. He is going in the right direction. Patience. I have a good owner for that. He's got good patience. I'm lucky to have that.

"He showed me in training that he was a good horse but hadn't really done it yet racing. Tonight, he was ready to go. He wanted to play now. This race was perfect to get ready for the final."



**(3) Mr Bluebird (Six Pack-Goosebump Hanover-RC Royalty)**

Mr Bluebird is a son of Six Pack, who won an elimination for the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot in 2018 but was scratched from the final and then came back to finish second in the 2019 Breeders Crown Open Trot final.

Racing in the first Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19, Mr Bluebird sat in the pocket and the three-hole and got up to finish second behind Karl. He was 4 1/2 lengths behind that foe and timed in 1:54.4.

Mr Bluebird has a summary of 2-1-2 from eight starts and has earned \$62,694. His victories came in an overnight race at Pocono and a division of the International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile, which he took in his lifetime mark of 1:53.1.

Trainer Ake Svanstedt has five Breeders Crown trophies, including three last year - Special Way (2YO Filly Trot), Jiggy Jog S (3YO Filly Trot) and Ecurie D (Open Trot)

Co-owner Ake Svanstedt Inc. has two Breeders Crown titles. She'd be the second Breeders Crown champion for co-owner Little E LLC. (Jeff Gural) and the first for co-owner Torbjorn Swahn Inc. (Torbjorn Swahn).

Bred by Daryl Miller, Mr Bluebird sold for \$95,000 at last year's Standardbred Horse Sale. He would be the initial Breeders Crown winner for Miller.

**Quotes from trainer Ake Svanstedt** - "He's done good his last two starts now. He came home fast [in his Breeders Crown elimination] also. He raced good. Yes, I was a little surprised. He wasn't so serious before, but now these last two races he's been really serious. But they change, the 2-year-olds. They mature. They must grow mentally, not just racing. I think he has done that. He knows what is going on now. He used to play around and wasn't so serious. He has more focus now."



**(4) Security Protected (Father Patrick-Thatstnotmyname-Windsong's Legacy)**

Security Protected, a son of two-time Breeders Crown champion Father Patrick (2013 2-Year-Old Colt Trot and 2014 3-Year-Old Colt Trot) made the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot final after a third-place finish in the second elimination on Thursday, October 19. He wound up first-over in the third quarter, was four lengths behind winner Private Access at the wire and timed in 1:55.3.

Security Protected has four wins, two seconds and two thirds in nine starts, earnings of \$246,330 and a mark of 1:52.4 taken at The Red Mile. His victories came in three preliminary rounds of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes at Harrah's Philadelphia, Pocono and The Meadows and his International Stallion Stakes division at The Red Mile.

Trainer Marcus Melander has four Breeders Crown trophies to his credit. One of those triumphs came in the 2018 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with Gimpanzee.

All three of his owners - Howard Taylor, Bradley Grant and Order By Stable (Stefan Balazsi) have won Breeders Crowns before. Taylor and Grant have four trophies and Order By Stable has one.

Security Protected was also bred by Order By Stable and sold for \$250,000 at last year's Standardbred Horse Sale. As a breeder, Order By Stable is a three-time winner in the Breeders Crown. Security Protected's dam, the Windsong's Legacy mare Thatstnotmyname, is a half-sister to former Hambletonian champion Muscle Massive.

**Quotes by trainer Marcus Melander** - "I think my horses didn't get the grip in the track that I wanted. I thought they got tired because of that, because they were slipping. We need to make some adjustments for next week. The track is not bad, it's just from horse to horse, and how we shoe them. Next week, we're going to need some more grip, and hopefully they will be fine. But he raced good.

"He raced so good in Lexington; he's been racing good all year. We had high hopes for him that he was going to be right there. [In the Mohawk Million] he got parked; it was a bad race, bad trip, that happens. Other than that, he's had a great year. He's so laid-back, an easy horse to drive. He doesn't waste any energy and he always tries his best."



**(5) T C I (Cantab Hall-Nicole's Promise-Dream Vacation)**

T C I, which, according to an interview with co-owner Bud Hatfield stands for Turks and Caicos Islands, received an automatic berth into the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot final by winning the Peter Haughton Memorial final at Harrah's Hoosier Park on Friday, September 15. T C I's sire Cantab Hall was the 2003 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot champion and was third in the 2004 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot final.

T C I is in the midst of a historic season as he is just the fourth 2-year-old trotter and the first rookie trotting male to have earned US\$1 million in a single campaign. He would become the all-time richest freshman trotter of either sex with a win or a second-place finish. He has a record of 10-1-0 from 11 starts and in addition to the Haughton, he has been victorious in the Kindergarten Series, multiple Pennsylvania Sire Stakes legs, the PA Sire Stakes Championship, William Wellwood Memorial, Mohawk Million and his International Stallion Series split.

Trainer Ron Burke is second all-time in Breeders Crown in number of trophies (18) and earnings (\$11,399,650). One of Burke's successes came in the 2015 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with Southwind Frank.

T C I is owned by Burke Racing Stable LLC. (Sylvia Burke), Weaver Brusceci LLC. (Mark Weaver and Michael Brusceci), Knox Services Inc. (Kris Brechler) and Hatfield Stables (Bud Hatfield). Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Brusceci LLC. are the second- and third-winningest owners in Breeders Crown history in terms of trophies (13 for Burke Racing and 12 for Weaver Brusceci) and earnings (\$8,461,306 for Burke Racing and \$7,319,974 for Weaver Brusceci). Hatfield Stables has won a pair of Breeders Crowns, and he'd be the first Breeders Crown champion for Knox Services Inc.

T C I was bred by Concord Stud Farm and sold for \$150,000 at the 2022 Standardbred Horse Sale. Concord Stud Farm is a one-time Breeders Crown champion as a breeder. T C I is a half-brother to Livininthefastlane, who was second in her elim and third in the final of the 2014 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

**Quotes from trainer Ron Burke** - "Everything is great with him. He trained great on Thursday. I trained him on the same day that they were going to race [the eliminations] so he wouldn't have a disadvantage. He was great. I'll train him back Tuesday and we'll be ready to roll. We got a great spot, the five-hole. He can control his own destiny.

"He's a lot better than even I thought. Every time I train him or race him, I think this is really a special horse. If he can win [the final], one, he's beaten a great horse in Karl and a real nice field, and, two, I think it makes him the best 2-year-old of all time. That's saying a lot, but he's gone and done everything that's been asked of him.

[On going over \$1 million] "It's incredible for a 2-year-old."



**(6) Greenspan (Greenshoe-Firm To Stay-Chapter Seven)**

A son of 2019 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot runner-up Greenshoe, Greenspan raced in the first Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19 and rallied from seventh to third thanks to a 27.1 final quarter. He was 5 1/4 lengths behind winner Karl and was timed in 1:55 flat.

Greenspan has a record of 2-0-3 from nine starts, with both of his victories coming in Pennsylvania Sire Stakes divisions at The Meadows. He has earnings of \$113,853 and a mark of 1:56 flat.

Trainer Jim Campbell has six Breeders Crown trophies and his earnings of \$4,480,183 are seventh all-time in event history. One of Campbell's champions was Broadway Hall in the 2002 edition of the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot.

Greenspan is a homebred owned by Runthetable Stables (Scott Farber). Runthetable Stables has one Breeders Crown win as a breeder/owner with Next Level Stuff in the 2020 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Trot. The same owner/trainer also won the Hambletonian last year with Cool Papa Bell at 52-1, the biggest upset in the history of that race.

**Quotes from trainer Jim Campbell** - "I was very happy with him. He had a really good week training back at Magical Acres last week. I told Dexter (driver Dexter Dunn) before the race that I thought he had a good week. I knew he was going to be high odds because other horses had shown more than he had. I think what really helped us was Dexter driving him the first week in Lexington [on Sept. 28]. He got off him and was surprised at how much trot he had finishing. My biggest worry before the race was that they would go too slow to the half, and then we wouldn't have a chance to get into the race. But Dexter worked out a trip and the horse raced good, so we've got a chance to go next week. We just have to hope we get a good draw.

"He's got a good attitude. He's learning. He's really come a long way in the last month, matured mentally. He's a really physical, athletic-looking colt too. I've been very happy with him. He had two races at Pocono where he just didn't handle that track good, but we made an adjustment [for the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes final there] and it seemed to work. He finished third and raced really good. He gives us everything he's got. That's what I like about him. He goes out there and he tries.

"I have to admit, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for [owner] Scott Farber. My suggestion was to turn Greenspan out for the year, and he said that if I couldn't give him a good reason, physically or something wrong with the horse, he wanted to race him. I said that I couldn't, it was just my opinion. He said he wanted to race, so I said then we'll race. So, if it wasn't for Scott, we wouldn't be here."



**(7) Dashing Danny (Dover Dan-Sashay-Yankee Glide)**

A son of two-time Breeders Crown finalist Dover Dan, Dashing Danny raced in third and fourth and wound up finishing fourth in the first Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19. He was 7 1/4 lengths behind winner Karl and timed in 1:55.2.

Dashing Danny owns a record of 9-5-0 from 16 starts, earnings of \$174,087 and a mark of 1:55. He won seven times on the Indiana Fair Circuit, then added victories in an overnight event at Harrah's Hoosier Park and an Indiana Sires Stakes leg. He was second in the Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final to fellow Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot finalist Musclegfantastic.

Dashing Danny would be the first Breeders Crown champion for trainer Jeff Cullipher.

Would also be the first Breeders Crown winner for Cullipher as an owner, along with co-owner Pollack Racing LLC. (Tom Pollack).

Dashing Danny was bred by Steve Stewart and Black Creek Farm. Stewart has bred five Breeders Crown champions and Black Creek Farm two.

**Quotes from driver Kyle Wilfong** - "He raced good. I didn't know what to expect racing open company like that, but he showed he belonged. He was a good fourth. He was trotting hard on the end still. Depending on the draw and a little bit of luck all the way around, we could have a shot.

"This is my first Breeders Crown. It's a good feeling. It's kind of like a job well done for the year to make it to this point, and then to advance to the final is the icing on the cake.

"He's a nice horse. He's very handy, quick off the gate. He's good to do whatever you need to do with him. Jeff [Cullipher] has done a good job with him. The people that had him before [driver Logan Loney and trainer Donna Loney] and raced him at the fairs, they put the foundation and manners into him. He's very easy to deal with. And he's got fight to him. He's gone some big miles out here with some nice horses. He's like a chameleon; he blends in. Whatever you need him to do, he's capable of it.

"Good for Indiana to have your one-two [Super Final] horses make the Breeders Crown final."



**(8) Wild Ticket (Chapter Seven-On The Wild Side-Muscle Hill)**

Wild Ticket, a son of 2011 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot and 2012 Breeders Crown Open Trot champion Chapter Seven, led early in the first Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19 and then yielded to sit behind eventual winner Karl. Although he faded to fifth and was 7 1/2 lengths behind Karl at the wire (and timed in 1:55.2), he was the fifth-place finisher from the two eliminations with the higher seasonal earnings, securing him a spot in the final.

Wild Ticket has two wins, a second and two thirds in eight starts, has earnings of \$110,306 and a mark of 1:55.1 at Tioga Downs. His two victories came in New York Sire Stakes action at Saratoga and Tioga.

Trainer Marcus Melander has four Breeders Crown trophies to his credit. One of those triumphs came in the 2018 2-Year-Old Colt Trot with Gimpanzee.

He'd be the first Breeders Crown champion for any of his owners - AMG Stable (Jan Johnson, Esa Pekkonen and Kim Vorlin), Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable (Michael Sabatine) and Mantorp LLC. (Rick Wahlstedt). While he hasn't won as an owner, AMG Stable officer Jan Johnson did train four Breeders Crown champions, including Workaholic in the very first Breeders Crown at The Red Mile in 1984.

Wild Ticket was bred by Al Libfeld and sold for \$200,000 at the 2022 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Libfeld is in the top ten all-time in Breeders Crown history in both number of winners bred (seven) and earnings (\$3,539,802).

**Quotes from trainer Marcus Melander** - "He raced OK. From the pocket there, I thought he was going to at least finish third. Like I said, it's just my theory that I didn't have enough grip on them. They don't seem sick or anything like that. They just seemed to get tired. They tried, but they couldn't get anywhere. Every trainer shoes differently, and I probably made a mistake putting on the shoes we're using right now, so it's good to know [for the future]."

[Will not remove shoes for the final] "I never go barefoot with any 2-year-olds."





**(9) Situationship (Chapter Seven-Meegan Hall-Cantab Hall)**

Another son of 2011 Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Colt Trot and 2012 Breeders Crown Open Trot champion Chapter Seven, Situationship sat second and third in the second Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19, then rallied in the passing lane to grab runner-up honors. He was a half-length behind winner Private Access and timed in 1:54.4.

Situationship has a 1-4-1 summary from eight attempts, and he has earnings of \$130,029. His lone victory came in a New York Sire Stakes division at Saratoga in his lifetime mark of 1:56.2.

Trainer Ake Svanstedt has five Breeders Crown trophies, including three last year - Special Way (2YO Filly Trot), Jiggy Jog S (3YO Filly Trot) and Ecurie D (Open Trot).

Situationship would be the second Breeders Crown champion for co-owners Knutsson Trotting Inc. (Tristan Sjoberg) and Little E LLC. (Jeff Gural) and the first for co-owner Tomas Andersson.

Situationship was bred by Crawford Farms and sold for \$85,000 at the 2022 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. Crawford Farms has bred one prior Breeders Crown champion - Ramona Hill in the 2019 2-Year-Old Filly Trot.

**Quotes from trainer Ake Svanstedt** - "He can have a little bit of a bad attitude, but I was satisfied with him [in his elimination]. The last time he raced, he didn't fight. When I asked him, he didn't answer. But he was much better this time. He trains better than he races. He needs to be better mentally also."



**(10) Muscleftastic (Muscle Massive-Busybeingdreamy-Andover Hall)**

Muscleftastic, a son of one-time Breeders Crown finalist Muscle Massive, competed in the second Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Colt Trot elimination on Thursday, October 19. After getting away sixth, he improved to fourth at three-quarters and remained in that spot to the wire, finishing 6 1/4 lengths behind winner Private Access. He was timed in 1:56.

Muscleftastic has three wins, a second and a third in ten starts. His victories came in a leg and the final of a mini-series and the Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final, all at Harrah's Hoosier Park. He has banked \$180,865 and has a mark of 1:55.1.

He'd be the first Breeders Crown champion for trainer Robert Taylor, who also handles the driving.

He'd also be the initial Breeders Crown winner for owners Kyle and Jill Hupfer.

Muscleftastic was bred by Perry Bontrager, who is also in search of his initial Breeders Crown success.

**Quotes from trainer Robert Taylor** - "I thought he was pretty good. We had a little issue with a foot after the [Indiana] Super Final last week, so we had to take it easy with him, and I'm hoping next week he'll even be a little bit sharper. But I was really happy with him. He trotted all the way to the wire. I got a good trip and worked out really good.

"It's been an up-and-down season. He started off really good, but we had some bumps in the road. He got sick one time, then he made a break in the Madison County because we drew [post] nine. He shied from the outside fence; he'd never had the nine-hole before. But I always thought the colt had some ability. I told the owners that if we took our time with him, I thought he could show us late in the year what he can do. And he's been doing it. He's coming through at the right time.

"I like his attitude. He's a very fun-loving colt. He's really good natured, but he's always a good-feeling colt. He always tries. There are plenty of colts that have more ability than him, but he tries as hard as he can every time.

"This is my first time [in the Breeders Crown]. The closest I had been to getting into a race of this magnitude was the Canadian Trotting Classic back in 2009. We were third in there to Muscle Hill with Southern Rocketop. To be able to race at your home track when the Crown comes here, it's just an awesome feeling. I give a lot of credit to my owners, Kyle and Jill Hupfer. They're very supportive. It's going to be an exciting week for us."

