



*by Ken Weingartner for the Breeders Crown notes team*

## **\$531,250 Three-Year-Old Colt & Gelding Pace**

### **ALWAYS B MIKI (S)**

(S)– Bay colt by Always A Virgin out of mare Artstopper ... Homebred by Joe Hurley's Roll The Dice Stable ... Hurley owns the colt with Bluewood Stable (William Jones, Jillian Michael Luff, Mitchel Skolnick's, Eric Freeman's and Frank Russo's Bluestone Farms, and Bob Boni's and Stuart Hankin's Kitty Hawk Stable) and Martin Granoff's Val D'Or Farms ... Always B Miki was supplemented to the Breeders Crown for \$62,500.

Horse is named after Hurley's wife. Hurley also bred Always B Miki's father and mother. Sire Always A Virgin won more than \$1 million in his career for Hurley, Bluewood Stable and Val D'Or Farms.



Dam Artstopper was unraced but is a half-sister to stakes-winner Cheyenne Rei and also produced Yagonnakissmeornot,(S) a Breeders Crown Mare Pace finalist ... The family also includes Ain't No Stopn Him, who won a Breeders Crown elim in this division in 2000 and finished seventh from post 10 in the final ... Always B Miki brings a five-race win streak to his Crown final and has not finished worse than second in 12 consecutive starts ... Victories include his Breeders Crown elimination, Monument Circle, Indiana Sire Stakes championship, and divisions of the Tattersalls Pace and Bluegrass Stakes ... Always B Miki finished second to He's Watching in world-record-equaling 1:46.4 in the Meadowlands Pace despite starting from post nine and racing on the outside – three to four wide at times – the entire way ... Always A Virgin won his Breeders Crown elimination in this division in 2007 and was the slight favorite in final but got locked in early speed duel with second choice Tell All and both horses finished off the board ... Trainer Joe Holloway has won six Breeders Crown titles, including three consecutive with male pacer Jenna's Beach Boy (1994-96) ...Val D'Or Farms has won two Breeders Crown trophies, with Masquerade in 1986 in this division and in 2009 with 2-year-old male trotter Pilgrams Taj.

"Always A Virgin was terrific, but Miki is incredibly terrific fantastic," Hurley said earlier this year. "He's absolutely the best horse I've had. I think everybody (in the ownership group) agrees this is the best ever. His stride is just incredible. He's had very bad luck with some things that have happened, either by nature or by fate. Now he's getting a chance to show himself and he's just absolutely fantastic."

"He's been real sharp, he raced great again tonight," David Miller said. "When I asked him, he took off and paced right to the wire pretty strong."

## CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Bay colt by American Ideal out of mare Copywriter ... Bred and owned by George Segal's Brittany Farms ... Capital Account started only once last year, winning a conditioned race ...



... Won a leg of the New York Sire Stakes and finished second in the Matron Stakes and a division of the Tattersalls Pace (behind Crown contender Always B Miki) ...

Capital Account's sire American Ideal finished seventh in the 2005 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male pacers Multiple-stakes-winning Copywriter finished fifth in both her elimination and the final of the 2005 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old filly pacers

Hall of Famer Jimmy Takter is the leading trainer in Breeders Crown history

with 18 victories and \$8.35 million in purses Takter has set career highs this year for wins with more than 180 and purses with \$12 million ... Brittany Farms is leading owner in Breeders Crown history with 16 wins and \$7.17 million in purses.

"He's got tremendous gate speed and I felt like I had to use it to get into the final," driver Brett Miller said after guiding Capital Account to a fifth-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination. "I thought if I ducked (behind other horses) a lot of those good ones would be up toward the front and it would be awful tough to make up a lot of ground with him. You can't come first up with him, so I wanted to get him up close, and it worked out."

## DOO WOP HANOVER

Bay colt by Rocknroll Hanover out of mare Deer Valley Miss ... Sold as a yearling for \$52,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale ... Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, which leads Breeders Crown breeders with a total of 21 wins and \$13.99 million in purses in history ... Owned by Peter Blood, Rick Berks and Gary Piontkowski ... Last year won his Breeders Crown elimination and finished sixth in the final ... This year Doo Wop Hanover won the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship in May at the Meadowlands and finished third in the Cane Pace ... Doo Wop Hanover's sire Rocknroll Hanover won the Breeders Crown in this division in 2005 on his way to Horse of the Year honors ...

Trainer Steve Elliott has won seven Breeders Crown trophies, most recently in 2008 with 2-year-old male pacer Well Said ... Elliott trained 2007 Horse of the Year Donato Hanover ... Blood, Berks and Piontkowski all are seeking their first Breeders Crown win.

"He was very good," said Ron Pierce, who drove Doo Wop Hanover to a third-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination. "He didn't get much of a shot at them, they kind of got away from him there, but when I found racing room he had plenty of pace. He's turned into a nice colt."



## JK ENDOFANERA

Bay colt by Art Major out of mare Presidential Lady ... Homebred by owner 3 Brothers Stables (Alan, Ron and Steve Katz) ... The 3 Brothers Stables' horses are named with the initials JK in memory of late family patriarch Jack Katz ... JK Endofanera was named to honor Jack Katz as well as veterinarian Dr. Stephen P. Dey II, who passed away the day the horse was foaled at the Dey family's Heritage Hill Farm ... JK Endofanera's full sister JK She'salady is undefeated this season at age 2 and competing in the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old female pacers ... JK Endofanera did not race in last year's Breeders Crown ... This year's wins include the North America Cup, American-National Stakes and a division of the Tattersalls Pace ... JK Endofanera's sire Art Major won Breeders Crown titles at ages 3 and 4 ... Trainer Ron Burke has set the record for seasonal earnings, with more than \$25 million in purses this year, and topped 1,000 wins for the second consecutive year ... Burke has won six Breeders Crown trophies ... 3 Brothers Stables won the 2002 Breeders Crown Mare Pace with Molly Can Do It.

"I couldn't be happier with the way the horse raced or the way I raced him," said driver Ron Pierce, who guided JK Endofanera to a second-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination. "He had a lot of pace. I'm very happy with him and I feel very confident going into next week. I really feel good about him and the trip he got. Even though I was on top at the half, he was well within himself."



## LET'S DRINK ON IT

Bay colt by Art Official out of mare Letmedowneasy ... Sold as a yearling for \$12,000 at Lexington Selected Sale. Bred by Kentuckiana Farms General Partnership, which has produced seven Breeders Crown winners. Owned by Tina Seekman, Larry Bond, Hal Hewitt and Vincent Boido Jr.

Last year Let's Drink On It finished sixth in his Breeders Crown elimination and failed to advance to the final. This year Let's Drink On It has won a division of the Circle City as well as the first heat of the Little Brown Jug and his Adios elimination. He finished second in the Little Brown Jug final, seventh in the Adios, and second in the Windy City Pace.



Driver Tyler Smith, 21, last year became the youngest driver in history to reach 1,000 career victories (at the age of 20). This is Smith's first Breeders Crown final ... He was the leading driver at Hoosier Park last season. Trainer Joe Seekman conditioned sire Art Official during his racing days, which are best remembered for his upset of Somebeachsomewhere in the 2008 Meadowlands Pace.

Seekman is after his first Breeders Crown victory ... He finished second with Kikikatie in 2-year-old filly pace in 2003. All of the owners are seeking their first Breeders Crown.

"It's such an honor to be involved with this horse," said Tina Seekman. "He gives it his all every week and this bunch of colts has just provided some super racing. We are thrilled to be here."

## LIMELIGHT BEACH

Bay gelding by Somebeachsomewhere out of mare Benear ... Sold as a yearling for \$25,000 under name Marblehead Johnson at Standardbred Horse Sale ... Is the first Breeders Crown starter for breeder Greg Martin of Alberta ... Owned by Burke Racing Stable (trainer Ron Burke and mother Sylvia), Weaver Brusceci LLC (Mike Brusceci and Mark Weaver), M1 Stable (Robert Cook Jr., Mike Brusceci, Rupert MacKenzie and Mark Weaver) and Wingfield Brothers (Charles, Robert, Thomas and William Wingfield) ... Did not race in last year's Breeders Crown ... Limelight Beach was in the stable of Brian Brown last year and finished his campaign with stakes wins at The Red Mile ... This year Limelight Beach was winless in his first 12 starts before



capturing his opening heat and the final of the Little Brown Jug ... Most of the horse's ownership group sold their interests in Limelight Beach to Burke in July, with the Ohio-based Wingfield Brothers stable staying on board ... Burke said he bought the colt because Limelight Beach was eligible to the Delvin Miller Adios, which is contested at Burke's home track – The Meadows ... The horse finished fourth in his Adios elimination, failing to advance to the final, but the purchase paid an unexpected dividend when Limelight Beach won the Little Brown Jug ... Since the Jug victory, the gelding has added wins in divisions of the Circle City and Bluegrass Stakes and won his elimination of the Breeders Crown ... Burke and his ownership partners were named 2013 Owners of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association ... Burke Racing and Weaver Brusceci both have won two Breeders Crown trophies ... This is Wingfield Brothers first final ... Limelight Beach's sire Somebeachsomewhere won this division in 2008 on his way to be named Horse of the Year. Burke has a record 27 horses in the finals.

"I was confident my horse had a good quarter left in him but McWicked definitely gave me a little scare," driver Yannick Gingras said of Limelight Beach.

## LUCK BE WITHYOU

Bay colt by Western Ideal out of mare Trim Hanover ... Sold as a yearling for \$77,000 at the Lexington Selected Sale ... Bred by Brittany Farms, which has produced 20 Breeders Crown champions ... Owned by John Craig ... Won both his elimination and the final of last year's Breeders Crown for 2-year-old male pacers at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs ... This year won his elimination for the Messenger Stakes and finished second in the final ... Also finished in a dead-heat second with McWicked in the Carl Milstein Memorial ... Luck Be Withyou's sire Western Ideal won the 2000 Breeders Crown Open Pace ... Dam Trim Hanover finished ninth in the 2006 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old filly pacers ... Luck Be Withyou is a three-quarter brother to American Jewel, who won the 2012 Breeders Crown for 3-year-old filly pacers ... Luck Be Withyou is trained by Bill Cass in Canada and Chris Oakes in the States ... Oakes also won a Breeders Crown in 2011 with 2-year-old filly pacer Economy Terror ... John Craig is making his second trip to a Breeders Crown final, both with Luck Be Withyou.

"He finished with a lot of pace, so I was happy with the effort," said Brian Sears, who drove Luck Be Withyou for the first time last weekend and guided the colt to a fifth-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination. "He got roughed up down in Dover the week before, raced really good but got roughed up, so this was a good trip going into next week."



## McWICKED

Bay colt by McArdle out of the mare Western Sahara who sold as a yearling for \$35,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale. Bred by Andray Farm and owned by Ed James' S S G Stables. James purchased McWicked for \$210,000 at 2013 Standardbred Horse Sale's Mixed Sale. James is president of SSG Gloves, which manufactures gloves for harness racing and riding. McWicked did not race in last year's Breeders Crown.



Ed James is making his first appearance in a Breeders Crown final.

Moved to the stable of trainer Casie Coleman this year.

Victories this season include the Max C. Hempt Memorial, Delvin Miller Adios, and Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship. Captured the Hempt with world-record 1:47.3 mile. Leads all 3-year-old pacers in seasonal earnings. McWicked's sire McArdle was a two-time Breeders Crown runner-up to Art Major. Canada's five-time Trainer of the Year Award winner Casie Coleman has won three Breeders Crown titles.



## SOMESIZESOMESTYLE



Bay colt by Somebeachsomewhere out of mare Honey Bunny ... Sold for \$50,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale ... Bred by Tara Hills Stud, which bred 2009 2-year-old filly trot winner Poof She's Gone ... Owned by Burke Racing Stable (trainer Ron Burke and mother Sylvia), Weaver Brusceci LLC (Mike Brusceci and Mark Weaver), Frank Baldachino, and Stable 45 (Marcia Gingold, Eugene Kurzrok, Scott Kurzrok) ... Did not race in Breeders Crown last year ... Seeking first stakes win this season but finished second in leg of Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and division of Circle City and third in division of Tattersalls Pace ... Somesizesomestyle's sire Somebeachsomewhere won this division in 2008 on his way to Horse of the Year honors ... Dam Honey Bunny also produced 2007 2-year-old filly pace Breeders Crown winner Stylish Artist ... Trainer Ron Burke has set the record for seasonal earnings, with more than \$25 million in purses this year, and topped 1,000 wins for the second consecutive year ... Burke has won six Breeders Crown trophies as a trainer ... Burke and his ownership partners were named 2013 Owners of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association ... Burke Racing and Weaver Brusceci both have won two Breeders Crown trophies ... Stable 45 and Frank Baldachino are seeking their first

Breeders Crown. Burke has a record 27 entries in the finals.

## SOMESTARSOMEWHERE

Bay colt by Somebeachsomewhere out of mare Lovely Assistant ... Sold as a yearling for \$110,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale ... Bred by Samir Tawil and Michael Butler ... Owned by Burke Racing Stable (trainer Ron Burke and mother Sylvia), Weaver Brusceci LLC (Mike Brusceci and Mark Weaver), Michelle Yanek, and Larry Karr ... Last year won his Breeders Crown elimination in world-record 1:49.4 and finished third in the final for 2-year-old male pacers ... This year won two legs of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes and consolation of Monument Circle ... Trained by Ron Burke ... Larry Karr has won one Breeders Crown trophy ... Michelle Yanek is seeking a first Breeders Crown.

"He raced good," said Matt Kakaley, who drove Somestarsomewhere to a fourth-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination. "He kind of got on the right line pretty hard on the last turn, but once he straightened out he paced home really well. I was pretty happy with how he paced home, we've just got to straighten him out a little bit more. It probably cost him a couple lengths because he was running in pretty good on the last turn."

