

CHAPTER FIVE

MODERN ERA TROTTING SIRE LINES

As mentioned in chapter one, the beginning of the Modern Era is set at 1950, coinciding with significant improvements in equipment, the commencement of mobile barrier starts and the beginning of the explosion in early speed. It also coincides with the arrival of the great sires Adios, Meadow Skipper and Stars Pride, each of whom began siring dynasties that have dominated to the present day.

In this chapter, the Modern Era trotting sire lines are analysed using similar measures to those used for the two previous eras. These measures have been enhanced by including foaling numbers that were either not available or too inaccurate to be employed in the earlier eras. The data on Standard Performers has been replaced by more relevant data on speed performances and earnings.

Classic Progeny

Classic Progeny continues to be one of the most accurate measures for the enduring contribution of a sire to the breed. Even more important in assessing siring ability and prepotency is to calculate ratios of Classic Progeny to the number of foals produced. All ratio tables are shaded in green.

Table 5.1 shows the leading ten trotting sires of the Modern Era using this ratio. The performances of two of the earlier sires Hoot Mon and Rodney is quite outstanding, while Speedy Crown and Super Bowl rate highly despite the large number of foals that they sired.

Classic Winners

The second measure is that of Classic Winners as a ratio to foals. This is similar to ranking by earnings per foal rather than total earnings which give an advantage to those sires with large crops. It also has the added advantage of partly reducing biases caused by the growth of stake earnings over time.

TABLE 5.1 SIRES: CLASSIC PROGENY-FOALS RATIO

Sire	Foals	Progeny	Ratio
Valley Victory	475	218	.464
Stars Pride	916	388	.424
Hoot Mon	532	223	.419
Rodney	506	199	.393
Speedy Crown	2203	788	.358
Speedy Somolli	908	290	.319
Nevele Pride	813	246	.303
Speedster	720	204	.283
Super Bowl	2277	624	.274
Noble Victory	895	232	.259

TABLE 5.2 SIRES: CLASSIC WINNERS-FOALS RATIO

Sire	Foals	CW	Ratio
Valley Victory	475	99	.208
SJs Photo	882	169	.192
Muscles Yankee	981	173	.176
Pine Chip	754	111	.147
Speedy Somolli	908	119	.131
Stars Pride	916	118	.129
Speedy Crown	2203	271	.123
Super Bowl	2277	246	.108
Rodney	506	45	.089
Hoot Mon	532	44	.083

Table 5.2 lists the ten leading sires using this ratio. The performance of SJs Photo in producing a high ratio of Classic Winners is counteracted by his inferior ratio of Classic Progeny and poor ratio of Classic Winners as a broodmare sire. However, these figures should increase as more progeny

race. Hoot Mon and Rodney, who featured so well in Table 5.1, both fall well behind on their Classic Winner ratios. Muscles Yankee has a very high ratio given the discrepancy in ages.

Broodmare sire performances

The third measure ranks performance as a broodmare sire by calculating a ratio of the number of Classic Winners produced by daughters of each sire, compared to the total of foals.

While this is not in reality a measure of their ability to produce winners, like the Classic Progeny ratio, it does offer a sound indication to their ongoing contribution to the breeding of quality performers. In this case the leading five sires are well ahead of all others.

TABLE 5.3 BROODMARE SIRE:CLASSIC WINNERS/FOALS

Sire	Foals	Classic wins	Ratio
Valley Victory	475	128	.270
Speedy Crown	2203	467	.212
Hoot Mon	532	106	.199
Speedy Somolli	908	157	.173
Noble Victory	895	153	.171
Super Bowl	2277	312	.137
Speedster	720	96	.133
Stars Pride	916	121	.132
Rodney	506	66	.130
Nevele Pride	813	88	.108

Speed and earnings

In addition to these ratios, the ranking of sires should also consider their performance in terms of speed and earnings. The Modern Era spans sixty years during which there have been significant reductions in speed records and increases in stake earnings. Therefore, direct comparisons do not afford accurate comparison. Instead, the tables for a number of different time periods are reproduced

below to show the standing of sires in relation to their peers.

TABLE 5.4 SIRES OF TWO MINUTE PROGENY (1976)

SIRES	2:00 Performers
Stars Pride	34
Speedster	18
Noble Victory	15
Florican	15
Rodney	14
Hickory Pride	13
Scotland	12

The two minute mark was still the measure of success midway through the Modern Era and Table 5.4 ranks the sires of that time using this benchmark. Rodney had four of the first hundred two minute trotters.

Nevele Pride was the first trotter to break the 1:55 barrier in 1969 and it took more than a quarter of a century before Beat the Wheel became the hundredth trotter to achieve this honour.

TABLE 5.5 SIRES OF 1:55 TROTTERS (FIRST 100)

SIRES	1:55 Performers
Super Bowl	15
Speedy Crown	10
Speedy Somolli	10
Valley Victory	3
BROODMARE SIRES	
Speedy Crown	14
Super Bowl	9
Speedy Somolli	5
Noble Victory	5
Stars Pride	4

Table 5.5 ranks the sires of the first hundred 1:55 performers. Super Bowl is the standout while Speedy Crown and his son account for one in five performers. The same three stallions account for one third of the broodmare credits.

Contemporary sires

The current performance measure for trotters is now the 1:53 barrier and by the end of June 2014 four hundred and forty one horses had achieved this mark. Table 5.6 shows that the contemporary sons of Valley Victory lead the way. Muscles Yankee is also making a strong impression on the broodmare sire list.

TABLE 5.6 SIRES OF 1:53 TROTTERS (2014)

SIRES	1:53 Performers (441)
Yankee Glide	37
Muscles Yankee	23
Andover Hall	22
SJs Caviar	19
Cantab Hall	14
SJs Photo	14
Kadabra	12
Self Possessed	11
Credit Winner	10
BROODMARE SIRES	
Balanced Image	25
Muscles Yankee	20
Pine Chip	17
Valley Victory	16
American Winner	16
Lindy Lane	16
Speedy Crown	15
Donerail	15

Table 5.7 is that for two year old performers in T1:56 and the new siring stars are making an impression. While Yankee Glide leads, Andover Hall and his son Donato Hall are making their presence felt and Muscle Hill has made a remarkable debut.

On the broodmare sire list, the older stars, Donerail, Super Bowl, Speedy Crown and Pine

Chip have been joined or displaced by the new brigade of sires.

TABLE 5.7 SIRES OF 1:56 2YO TROTTERS (2014)

SIRES	1:56 Performers (226)
Yankee Glide	22
Andover Hall	20
Muscles Yankee	14
Cantab Hall	16
Donato Hanover	13
Broadway Hall	13
Credit Winner	13
Muscle Hill	12
BROODMARE SIRES	
Conway Hall	15
Yankee Glide	14
Donerail	12
Balanced Image	12
Pine Chip	11
Muscles Yankee	10

TABLE 5.8 SIRES: MILLIONAIRE TROTTERS (2014)

SIRES	Performers (412)
Muscles Yankee	12
Super Bowl	11
Speedy Crown	10
Yankee Glide	10
Andover Hall	8
Balanced Image	8
Coktail Jet (Europe)	8
BROODMARE SIRES	
Speedy Crown	18
Speedy Somolli	11
American Winner	10
Super Bowl	10

To the end of June 2014, four hundred and twelve trotters had earned in excess of one million dollars in stake earnings, although many of them were bred or raced in Europe.

Muscles Yankee and Yankee Glide have again joined the great Super Bowl and Speedy Crown at the top of the list with Andover Hall in close pursuit. Cocktail Jet joins the leading six American sires.

The presence of Speedy Crown on both sides of the pedigree of the modern trotter remains an attractive proposition while the only recent addition to the leading broodmare sires list is American Winner.

Leading sires by earnings

The leading money earning sires for the Modern Era are given in Table 5.9 and show the dominance of Stars Pride and Speedy Crown, both of whom led for thirteen consecutive years. Rodney, the grandson of Scotland, is the forgotten sire of the earlier years. Muscles Yankee regained the mantle for the Speedy Crown dynasty but Cantab Hall has wrested the lead back for the Scotland sireline.

TABLE 5.9 LEADING SIRE OF SEASON: EARNINGS

1952	Dean Hanover
1953	Volomite
1954	Dean Hanover
1955	Darnley
1956	Titan Hanover
1957	Worthy Boy
1958	Rodney
1959	Rodney
1960	Rodney
1961	Rodney
1962	Rodney
1963	Rodney
1964	Stars Pride
1965	Stars Pride
1966	Stars Pride
1967	Stars Pride
1968	Stars Pride
1969	Stars Pride
1970	Stars Pride
1971	Stars Pride

1972	Stars Pride
1973	Stars Pride
1974	Stars Pride
1975	Stars Pride
1976	Stars Pride
1977	Hickory Pride
1978	Speedy Crown
1979	Speedy Crown
1980	Speedy Crown
1981	Speedy Crown
1982	Speedy Crown
1983	Speedy Crown
1984	Speedy Crown
1985	Speedy Crown
1986	Speedy Crown
1987	Speedy Crown
1988	Speedy Crown
1989	Speedy Crown
1990	Speedy Crown
1991	Super Bowl
1992	Speedy Crown
1993	Super Bowl
1994	Valley Victory
1995	Balanced Image
1996	Balanced Image
1997	Balanced Image
1998	Balanced Image
1999	Balanced Image
2000	Balanced Image
2001	Balanced Image
2002	Balanced Image
2003	Muscles Yankee
2004	Muscles Yankee
2005	Muscles Yankee
2006	Yankee Glide
2007	Andover Hall
2008	Muscles Yankee
2009	Muscles Yankee
2010	Credit Winner
2011	Credit Winner
2012	Cantab Hall
2013	Cantab Hall

Triple Crowns



SCOTT FROST - FIRST TRIPLE CROWN WINNER

The final measures of greatness are the three races that make up the Triple Crown of trotting. Only seven trotters have the honour of winning all three races of the Triple Crown and Stars Pride has sired four of them.

TABLE 5.10 SIRES: TRIPLE CROWN RACE WINS

SIRE CREDITS	
Stars Pride	24
Super Bowl	15
Hoot Mon	10
Muscles Yankee	9
Speedy Crown	7
Valley Victory	7
Speedy Somolli	7
BROODMARE SIRE CREDITS	
Speedy Crown	16
Hoot Mon	13
Stars Pride	11
Super Bowl	6
Speedy Somolli	6

The Kentucky Futurity has been conducted for over one hundred years and the Hambletonian for more than eighty years. However, Table 5.10 only includes those races run during the Modern Era. It

can be seen that Stars Pride and Super Bowl are by far the most successful sires of leg winners, with Speedy Crown a clear leader of the broodmare sires. Hoot Mon is the standout for the earlier decades of the era.

Using all of the measures discussed in this chapter for analysis, the ten greatest trotting stallions of the Modern Era are set out in Table 5.12 below in chronological order. While Muscles Yankee and Yankee Glide appear destined to join this elite list, I believe that it is too early to include them with these ten proven sires.

In the following pages, the sire lines leading to each of these ten stallions will be set out showing the rise and demise of the various branches.

TABLE 5.11 GREATEST MODERN ERA SIRES (1950-2000)

Hoot Mon (1944)	
Rodney (1944)	
Stars Pride (1947)	
Nevele Pride (1965)	
Speedy Crown (1968)	
Super Bowl (1969)	
Speedy Somolli (1975)	
Garland Lobell (1981)	
Balanced Image (1978)	
Valley Victory (1986)	
<i>While the first three sires on this list were foaled prior to the Modern Era their siring careers took place during this period.</i>	

Modern Era sire lines

The ten greatest sires of the Modern Era all descend from Peter the Great through two of his grandsons, Scotland and Volomite. The branches from each of these great rivals will now be discussed in turn.

Scotland

The sire line branch from Scotland has now descended through ten successive generations to the recent trotting champion Muscle Hill who began his stud career in 2010. Over these eighty years a host of champion performers and sires have made their mark.



SCOTLAND 1928

Of his three best siring sons only one managed to extend the sireline. Despite an outstanding track and stud career Hoot Mon failed to live on, while the line from Darnley was even less short lived. It was his least successful son, Spencer Scott, that succeeded. The sireline is set out in Table 5.12 along with each sires Classic Progeny.

Darnley

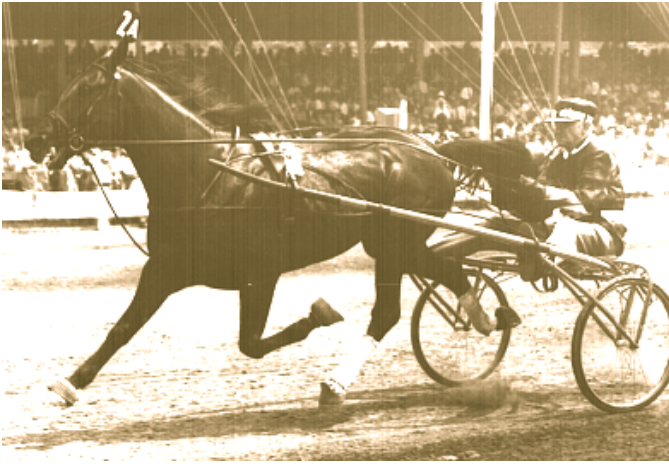
Scotland's son Darnley won a Messenger Trot and two Trotting Derbys among his eight Classic Race wins and also joined the elite list of the first hundred trotters in two minutes. He became America's leading sire of trotters for three successive years and produced one hundred and nine Classic Progeny but only eleven Classic Winners. His most successful son, Hit Song, was exported to Italy where he sired the Italian Derby winner Tedo. The Darnley branch failed to extend beyond the first decade of the Modern Era.

TABLE 5.12 THE SCOTLAND BRANCH

	Classic Progeny
5. Scotland(1925) *	232
6. Darnley (1940)	109
6. Hoot Mon (1944)	223
7. Blaze Hanover (1957)	65
6. Spencer Scott (1937)	53
7. Rodney (1944)	199
8. Speedster (1954)	204
9. Speedy Count (1961)	136
10. Dream of Glory (1971)	166
9. Speedy Scot (1960)	238
10. Arnie Almahurst (1970)	111
11. Arndon (1979)	96
12. Pine Chip (1990)	240
11. Florida Pro (1975)	171
10. Speedy Crown (1968)	788
11. Armbro Goal (1985)	145
11. Crowning Point (1981)	87
11. Prakas (1982)	92
11. Royal Prestige (1983)	109
11. Speedy Somolli (1975)	290
12. Baltic Speed (1981)	155
13. Valley Victory (1986)	218
14. Donerail (1992)	144
14. Muscles Yankee (1995)	236
15. Tom Ridge (2001)	14
15. Deweycheatumnhowe (2005)	21
15. Muscle Mass (2005)	12
15. Muscle Hill (2006)	21
14. Victory Dream (1991)	29
15. Self Possessed (1996)	83
16. Cantab Hall (2001)	85
17. Explosive Matter (2006)	9
14. Yankee Glide (1994)	196
15. Ken Warkentin (2002)	29
15. Glidemaster (2003)	8
12. Mr Lavec (1991)	84

The sires in **bold** are active at stud.

Hoot Mon



Hoot Mon was the fastest three year old trotter of his year and joined the elite first hundred trotters in two minutes or better. His dam was bred 4x4 to McKinney and added another strain of Chimes, while his grand dam was bred 3x3 to Peter the Great. Hoot Mon had considerable success as a leading sire and broodmare sire of both two year old trotters and Triple Crown race winners.

He sired two hundred and twenty three Classic Progeny with thirty nine Classic Winners including four who won the Hambletonian. His leading Classic Winners are; Scott Frost, the first trotter to win a Triple Crown, with seventeen credits then Dart Hanover with twelve and ACs Viking with eleven.

Scott Frost

Nora, the dam of Scott Frost, was bred 3x3 to Peter the Great and also gave him a 4x4 cross to Guy Axworthy. Scott Frost was the fastest trotter of his year at both two and three, the first two year old two minute trotter and the first horse to win consecutive USTA Harness Horse of the Year awards.

Hoot Mon's wealthiest son, ACs Viking failed to breed on while Blaze Hanover and Dart Hanover also lacked success at stud. Scott Frost became

infertile following a virus infection and the Hoot Mon sire line faded away with him. Hoot Mon's contribution as a broodmare sire however, was enhanced by his grandsons Ayres and Nevele Pride, both Triple Crown winners, and his grand daughter Armbro Flight. All are discussed more fully in later chapters.

The task of continuing the Scotland line fell to the third of his champions in Spencer Scott.

While Rosalind was the champion mare of her day, Spencer Scott had the title of Champion Stallion. His twelve Classic Race wins included a Hambletonian and a Kentucky Futurity. He was the fastest trotter of the year for two successive years and also became one of the first hundred trotters to better two minutes.

Spencer Scott



The dam of Spencer Scott was inbred 3x2 to the Hall of Fame mare Emily Ellen. She produced six sires in Lee Tide, Guy Castleton, Schuyler, Daystar, Brusiloff and McEllen. Spencer Scott also boasted two crosses of Axworthy and two of Peter the Great. At stud he produced just fifty three Classic Progeny with eleven Classic Winners. Among this small band, however, was Rodney, who was to have a significant impact upon the breed.

Rodney



Rodney joined his sire as one of the first hundred two minute horses, won fifteen Classic Races, was twice the fastest trotter of the year and was voted USTA Harness Horse of the Year as a four year old. He retired among the first hundred horses to earn over \$100,000 in stake earnings.

His pedigree shows a cross to the two great sons of Peter the Great on the third line and three crosses to Guy Axworthy on the fourth line.

At stud Rodney was the leading sire of trotting winners in America over four consecutive years. He sired one hundred and ninety nine Classic Progeny with forty five being Classic Winners. His two standouts were Duke Rodney with nineteen Classic Race wins and Elaine Rodney with twenty. He was also the broodmare sire of sixty one Classic Winners and three Hambletonian victors including Triple Crown champion Super Bowl. Only one of his sons, Speedster, bred on.

Speedster

Speedster won just a single Classic Race but was twice the leading sire of trotting winners. He produced two hundred and four Classic Progeny and forty five Classic Winners. His fastest was

daughter Colonial Charm who won fourteen Classic Races and was a world record holder. He also had two Hambletonian winners, full brothers Speedy Streak and Speedy Scot. Another son, Speedy Count, won eight Classic Races while Quick Work won four. Speedy Streak failed at stud but both Speedy Count and Speedy Scot bred on.

Speedy Count



Fastest two year old trotter of his year, Speedy Count won twenty one of his twenty seven races, set a world record and was voted USTA Trotter of the Year for his age group.

At stud he sired one hundred and thirty six Classic Progeny with thirty two Classic Winners. These included World Champion mare Delmonica Hanover who won twelve Classic Races and was voted USTA Filly or Mare Trotter of the Year over four successive years. There were also two Hambletonian winners in Burgomeister and Steve Lobell. In addition, Speedy Count was broodmare sire of sixty nine Classic Winners with the standout being the champion Mack Lobell whose career is discussed in chapter twelve. The line was continued by Speedy Count's son Dream of Glory.

Dream of Glory

Winner of fifteen of his nineteen starts as a two year old then eighteen of twenty five at three,

Dream of Glory finished with ten Classic Race wins, was fastest trotter of the year as a three year old and voted USTA Trotter of the Year for both three and four year old colts.

Dream of Glory had no crosses in his first four lines and no Classic Winners along his maternal line. At stud he sired one hundred and sixty six Classic Progeny with thirty six Classic Winners and was broodmare sire of another one hundred and twelve. He was ranked fourth in the two minute trotting sires list and third on the all time \$100,000 earners list. It seems that his legacy will remain on the maternal side as none of his sons have bred on in America.

Speedy Scot



1963 TRIPLE CROWN WINNER SPEEDY SCOTT

Speedy Scot won fourteen of his nineteen starts as a two year old then thirteen wins from fifteen starts at three and twelve from fourteen starts at four. He was voted USTA Trotter of the Year for his age group in all three years as well as USTA Harness Horse of the Year at three. His career total of forty four wins from fifty seven starts included twenty three Classic Race wins and a Triple Crown.

His pedigree contains a 4x3 cross to Scotland while his dam has three crosses to Peter the Great on her fourth line and a strong infusion of Axworthy.

In addition to his remarkable racing career, Speedy Scot sired two hundred and thirty eight Classic Progeny and sixty three Classic Winners. These include Kentucky Futurity winner Arnie Almahurst with nine Classic Race wins and daughter Classical Way with eleven. His greatest contribution, however, is through his son Speedy Crown, the greatest sire of Classic Winners in the history of the American Standardbred.

Arnie Almahurst

In his two seasons of racing Arnie Almahurst won twenty six of his forty six starts with nine Classic Race wins, set a world record and won the USTA Trotter of the Year award for two year old colts. But for his poor race manners, this record would have been better.

His pedigree contains a 4x4 cross to both Scotland and the wonderful broodmare Evensong who produced twelve Classic Winners. In a short career, prior to his untimely death, he sired one hundred and eleven Classic Progeny with thirty one Classic Winners and was broodmare sire of seventy eight.

He was the first trotting sire to get three in the 1:55 list. These were; Arndon, who became the fastest trotter in history, the fourth fastest in Florida Pro and World Trotting Derby winner Diamond Exchange. His daughter Front Page Lady was also a World Champion. His sire line was extended by his two fastest sons, Florida Pro and Arndon.

Florida Pro

Although winning seventeen of his twenty starts in his short two year racing career, Florida Pro won only eight Classic Races, being beaten in many by his arch rival Speedy Somolli, whom he defeated on just three occasions. In the first heat of the 1978 Hambletonian Speedy Somolli beat Florida Pro in a

new world record time of 1:55. Florida Pro turned the tables in the second heat, equalling the new world record.

At stud Florida Pro got off to a good start with two World Champions in his first crop. Later progeny did not meet expectations and he drifted out of favour. His best son is Kentucky Futurity winner Sugarcane Hanover who is at stud in Europe. It appears that his sire line will not be extended in America.

Arndon

Although being the fastest two year old trotter of his year then time trialling in 1:54 as a three year old to become the fastest trotter of all time, Arndon won only fifteen of his thirty nine starts with just four being Classic Races. Much of this was due to his poor racing manners. This undoubtedly influenced his stud career and he had limited opportunities before being exported to Italy. He did however, leave a legacy before departing, with his son Pine Chip. The huge impact of a second son, Sundon, on Australasian breeding is discussed further in the Australia and New Zealand book.

Pine Chip



Unraced as a two year old, due to injury, Pine Chip

won just twenty three races from thirty five starts in his brief two year career. However, thirteen of these were Classic Races including a Kentucky Futurity, World Trotting Derby and a heat of the Elitlopp, earning him USTA Trotter of the Year awards at both three and four years of age. His other claim to fame was a time trial in the world record time of 1:51. This is the only instance of a sire and son both retiring as 'fastest trotter in the world'.

His pedigree shows a 3x4 cross to Speedy Scot and a 4x4 cross to Stars Pride. Like Rodney, his maternal line traces to Emily Ellen although none of his first eight dams won a Classic Race. He was given excellent opportunities at stud in America prior to his export to Europe. He has produced two hundred and forty Classic Progeny with one hundred and eleven being Classic Winners. These include two Hambletonian winners in Chip Chip Hooray and Scarlet Knight as well as considerable success in Europe including two Italian Derbys with Infinitif and Daguet Rapide. He was the leading broodmare sire of two minute two year old trotters in America for 2007 and 2008 and of three year olds for 2008. The future of his sire line is tentative.

Speedy Crown



The second of the two sire line branches from Speedy Scot comes through Speedy Crown,

whose seven hundred and eighty eight Classic Progeny is greater than any other in standardbred history. His story is more fully recounted in chapter seven, so we now turn our attention to his sons.

Armbro Goal



Winner of thirteen of his eighteen races including eight Classic Races, Armbro Goal was voted USTA Trotter of the Year for three year olds and retired as a millionaire earner. His Hambletonian win was also the first time that three generations of sires had all won this event.

His dam is regarded as one of the greatest trotting mares of all time and her story is taken up later. His grand dam, Helicopter, also won a Hambletonian against the colts. Helicopter, in fact, is inbred 3x4 to Roya McKinney through full brother and sister Scotland and Rose Scott. The racing career of Rose Scott is outlined more fully in chapter eight.

Other than this, Armbro Goal has no crosses in his first five generations and represents a perfect outcross sire. His fillies were his best progeny and his failure to sire a top colt contributed to his export to Austria.

To date Armbro Goal has sired one hundred and forty five Classic Progeny and eighty one Classic Winners. His best are; millionaire daughter Winkys Goal with ten Classic Race wins including a

Hambletonian Oaks, European Grand Circuit Champion Legenday Lover K, with eleven Classic Race wins and European Stake Earner of the Year Defi dAunou with eighteen Classic Race wins. The latter two have commenced stud duties in Europe.

Crowning Point

Winner of only thirteen of his forty four races, with just three being Classic Races, in his three years of racing. Crowning Point had restricted stud opportunities prior to being exported to Italy.

He sired eighty seven Classic Progeny with thirty four being Classic Winners. His best are Hambletonian winner Harmonious and Crowning Classic, who won fifteen Classic Races, mostly in Italy. It appears that his sire line will not be extended.

Prakas



The fastest son of Speedy Crown, Prakas became the fastest trotter of all time in the year that he won the Hambletonian. He also took out the USTA Trotter of the Year award. He won fourteen of his twenty nine starts with seven Classic Race wins in his three year old campaign. He then retired as the richest American trotter of all time.

Bred 4x3 to Rodney and from a Stars Pride mare, Prakas was considered to have great siring

potential and received large numbers of quality mares. However, his progeny did not include any standouts and he fell from favour before being exported to Germany.

He sired ninety two Classic Progeny with thirty eight Classic Winners but none are likely to extend his sireline. His Classic Winners as a broodmare sire number forty five with the standout being Hambletonian winner Windsongs Legacy.

Royal Prestige

Another lightly raced son of Speedy Crown, Royal Prestige won twenty of just thirty three races but half of these were Classic Races. Although second in the Hambletonian, he was voted USTA Trotter of the Year and retired with over a million dollars in earnings.

He was royally bred with a 3x3 cross to Speedster from a grand daughter of Stars Pride. His dam Rosemary was USTA Filly Trotter of the Year for three year olds and his second and fourth dams were multiple Classic Race winners.

He stood at Castleton Stud for eight seasons before being exported to Europe. His one hundred and nine Classic Progeny include forty six Classic Winners. The best of them is the gelding Magician who carries a 3x3 cross to Nevele Pride. Magician boasts thirteen Classic Race wins, a USTA and Canadian Trotter of the Year award for four year old colts, and over three million dollars in earnings.

The best siring son of Royal Prestige is Wesgate Crown who is inbred 2x3 to Speedy Crown and claimed ten Classic Race wins in America and Europe. He was the fastest two year old of his year and won the Canadian and USTA Trotter of the Year award for two year olds. He retired with over

\$2.5 million in earnings but has not been successful at stud.

Speedy Somolli



The final son of Speedy Crown for discussion is Speedy Somolli, his best performer on both the racetrack and the breeding barn.

Mention has already been made of his 1:55 race mile, the first ever by a trotter. He finished his career with twenty wins from thirty six races including eleven Classic Race wins.

Speedy Somolli has no common crosses in the first four generations of his pedigree although it does contain the leading sires of the twentieth century. His maternal line has no Classic Race winning mares but his dam did produce eleven Classic Winners with six having two minute credits, the equal highest of any standardbred dam. His grandam produced eight Classic Winners including Hambletonian winner Legend Hanover.

His leading Classic Winners are Friendly Face with eleven and Mr Lavec with ten. His wealthiest is Somollison who eared in excess of \$1.5 million and his fastest is B Rude (T1:53.4). His two leading siring sons are discussed below.

Mr Lavec

Probably the greatest racing son of Speedy Somolli, Mr Lavec won twenty of his forty four races in America and Europe. He finished with ten Classic Race wins, was stake earner of the year in Sweden and retired with earnings in excess of one million dollars.



His pedigree includes a 3x4 cross to both Speedy Scot and Stars Pride with six infusions of French blood into this branch of an American maternal family that has produced just seventeen Classic Winners in almost one hundred years since being exported to Europe.

His stud career in both America and Europe has resulted in eighty four Classic Progeny in eight seasons with fifty five Classic Winners. None are likely to extend his sire line. It seems that his major contribution will be as a broodmare sire where his daughters have currently produced thirty two Classic Winners including Hambletonian winner Glidemaster.

Baltic Speed



Voted both Two and Three Year Old USTA Colt Trotter of the Year in his brief racing career, Baltic Speed also set a world record and won more stake earnings in a single season than any trotter had achieved before him. His twenty five wins from forty six starts included nine Classic Race wins, the best being the Yonkers Trot leg of the Triple Crown.

Bred on the Speedster-Stars Pride cross, his maternal family was not strong with no mares in his branch winning a Classic Race. He was leading sire of trotters once in his eight years at stud in America before being exported to Italy.

His one hundred and fifty five Classic Progeny with sixty Classic Winners included a number of smart racehorses but only one standout, the mare Peace Corps from his first crop. Her racing performance was remarkable with sixty two wins from ninety three starts and thirty five Classic Race wins. Her story is covered in greater detail in chapter twelve. Of even more importance, however, was a son from this first crop. This was Valley Victory who went on to become one of the breed's greatest sires.

Valley Victory

The racing and siring career of Valley Victory is discussed further in chapter seven and we now turn to the four sons that are extending his sire line.

Donerail



Winner of six Classic Races from just twenty one race starts, Donerail was voted USTA Two Year Old Trotter of the Year for colts and earned over \$700,000 before being retired to stud. He became the leading sire of two year olds and his one hundred and forty four Classic Progeny include eighty three Classic Winners. His best progeny are fillies and geldings and it appears that his contribution will only come as a broodmare sire. His daughters have so far produced eighty two Classic Winners with the best being Hambletonian winner Donato Hanover.

Muscles Yankee

Although racing only twenty one times, Muscles Yankee won ten Classic Races including the Hambletonian. He was the fastest trotter of his year at both two and three and bankrolled over \$1.4 million. He was an instant success at stud and became leading stake earning sire of trotters in

2003. He repeated this in 2004, 2005, 2008 and again in 2009.



His pedigree shows a 4x3 cross to Noble Victory on his maternal lines and a 4x2 cross to Speedy Crown on his sire lines. His dam won three Classic Races and carries a 4x3 cross to Victory Song.

He seems to be the sire most likely to extend the Scotland line, having already produced two hundred and thirty six Classic Progeny and one hundred and seventy three Classic Winners in twelve crops to race. His gelded son Mr Muscleman won fourteen Classic Races and three sons seem set for promising siring careers. These are Tom Ridge, Deweycheatumnhowe and Muscle Hill. The latter two were defeated just once each in their careers.

Muscle Hill



The greatest likelihood of continued siring success for the Muscles Yankee line appears to be with Muscle Hill. He won the USTA Trotter of the Year awards at two and three plus fourteen Classic Race wins including the Hambletonian in world record equalling time. After narrowly losing his first race, he was never again defeated, winning twenty in succession. He retired as the second fastest trotter in history and earned more in a single season than any harness horse in history.

He has a 4x4 cross to Speedy Somolli with a cross of Speedy Crown and Super Bowl on the third line. His dam is bred 3x3 to Stars Pride and his classic winning grandam is bred 4x3 to Volomite. His fifth dam is inbred 3x2 to Guy Axworthy and 3x3 to Peter the Great.

His first crop made the track in 2013 and included thirteen Classic Winners. He is already eighth on the 1:56.0 two year old trotters sires list.

[Deweycheatumhowe](#)



A second potential siring son of Muscles Yankee had his first crop reach the track in 2012 and with just two crops to race he already has twenty one Classic Winners.

He was beaten only once in his twenty five starts and won fourteen Classic Races including the Hambletonian. He was USTA Trotter of the Year for

both two and three year old colts and at three was also voted USTA Trotter of the Year. He was also the first trotter to win over three million dollars in stake earnings by age three.

His pedigree is strong with a 3x3 cross to Speedy Crown and a 4x2 cross to Speedy Somolli. His dam adds a 3x4 cross to Stars Pride and his grand dam a 2x4 cross to Victory Song.

[Victory Dream](#)



Another possible source for an extension of the Valley Victory sireline is through another lightly raced stallion, Victory Dream. His twenty two races provided four Classic Race wins including a Hambletonian, a million dollars in stake earnings and a USTA Trotter of the Year award for three year old colts. Although he has sired only twenty nine Classic Progeny and fifteen Classic Winners in his brief stud career, these include Self Possessed.

[Self Possessed](#)

Like his sire, he was lightly raced with only twenty four race starts yielding a Hambletonian among eight Classic Race wins. He also collected the USTA Trotter of the Year honours for three year old colts and set a world record as fastest trotter. At stud he has sired forty nine five Classic Winners.

His best daughter, Snow White, won fourteen of nineteen starts including eight Classic Races. She

was the fastest two year old trotter of her year and won Filly Trotter of the Year awards for her age group in both Canada and the United States. She banked over a million dollars in stake earnings and is still the fastest two year old trotter in history. Unfortunately she died at the age of three.



The stud career of Self Possessed lasted just eight years, producing eighty three Classic Progeny with fifty three Classic Winners. One of these, however, appears set to extend the sireline.

[Cantab Hall](#)



Despite a modest twenty three race starts Cantab Hall won nine Classic Races and \$1.4 million in earnings. He gained the rare double of being voted USTA Trotter of the Year as a two year old then becoming leading sire of two year old trotters with his first crop.

He has already sired eighty five Classic Winners while two sons Uncle Peter and Father Patrick seem set for promising stud careers.

[Yankee Glide](#)



One year older than Muscles Yankee and without his record on the track, Yankee Glide has so far matched him in the breeding barn.

He leads Muscles Yankee both as a sire of 1:53 trotters and in the production of 1:56 two year olds. He now has one hundred and ninety six Classic Progeny with one hundred and thirty six Classic Winners. He has already produced outstanding race mares in Passionate Glide, Mystical Sunshine, Falls for You and Margarita Momma. His Hambletonian winning son Glidemaster appears the one most likely to carry his branch forward.

Over eighty years and sixteen generations the Scotland sire line has bred on with a significant impact upon the standardbred. It appears that the next great sire may come from Muscles Yankee or Cantab Hall.

The Volomite Branch

The second great branch of the Happy Medium sire line extends through Volomite and two of his sons.

Kimberly Kid

Kimberly Kid won thirteen Classic Races including the Kentucky Futurity for three year olds but had his greatest success at four and five. He was the fastest trotter of the year at four and won USTA Trotter of the Year honours for his age group in three consecutive years. He was also one of the first hundred horses to earn in excess of \$100,000.

At stud he sired just fifty eight Classic Progeny and nineteen Classic Winners but none of his sons succeeded at stud.

Victory Song

Another Kentucky Futurity winner, Victory Song, was also the fastest and richest three year old of his year. He won ten Classic Races, again with most success as a four year old when he was voted USTA Harness Horse of the Year.

Victory Song was also bred on the Peter the Great-Axworthy cross from the wonderful brood mare Evensong, dam of twelve Classic Progeny with becoming sires. She too was bred 3x3 to Axworthy. His grandam was inbred 2x3 to Baron Wilkes.

His one hundred and forty four Classic Progeny included thirty five Classic Winners. He was a successful broodmare sire with his fifty six Classic Winners including four Hambletonian winners. His best sons were Noble Victory, with sixteen Classic Race wins, and Dartmouth with thirteen. While Dartmouth sired forty eight Classic Progeny and was the broodmare sire of Florida Pro, he did not produce a son that could continue the line. This task was left to Noble Victory.

TABLE 5.13 THE VOLOMITE BRANCH

	Classic Progeny
5. Volomite (1926)*	331
6. Kimberly Kid (1950)	58
6. Victory Song (1943)	144
7. Noble Victory 1962)	232
8. ABC Freight (1974)	30
9. Garland Lobell (1981)	158
10. Conway Hall (1995)	169
11. Broadway Hall (2000)	65
11. Windsongs Legacy (2001)	34
12. Lucky Chucky (2007)	**
12. Chapter Seven (2008)	**
10. Angus Hall (1996)	97
10. Andover Hall (1999)	131
11. Donato Hanover (2004)	45
8. Noble Gesture (1968)	61
9. Balanced Image (1978)	295
6. Worthy Boy (1940)	161
7. Stars Pride (1947)	388
8. Ayres (1961)	94
8. Hickory Pride (1956)	197
9. Carlisle (1963)	70
9. Yankee Bambino (1972)	25
10. Photo Maker (1979)	15
11. SJs Photo (1990)	215
12. SJs Caviar (1998)	77
8. Lindys Pride (1966)	92
9. Lindys Crown (1976)	137
8. Nevele Pride (1965)	247
9. Bonefish (1972)	214
8. Super Bowl (1969)	624
9. American Winner (1990)	126
10. Credit Winner (1997)	120
9. Cumin (1987)	57
9. Joie De Vie (1980)	121
9. Supergill (1985)	220
10. Malabar Man (1994)	130
10. Striking Sahbra (1990)	108
9. Texas (1974)	82

Noble Victory

One of the greatest two year old trotters of all time, Noble Victory was beaten in only one of his nineteen starts, joined Titan Hanover and Scott Frost as the fastest two year old in history, and was voted USTA Two Year Old Trotter of the Year.

Although beaten favourite on a muddy track in the Hambletonian he did win ten of his eighteen three year old starts including the Yonkers Trot. He finished his career with nine wins from seventeen starts at four, set a world record and took the USTA Trotter of the Year award for four year old horses. He also won sixteen Classic Races.

His pedigree was outstanding being by a World Champion stallion from a World Champion mare. His dam Emilys Pride won two legs of the Triple Crown against the colts, was the fastest and richest three year old trotter in North America, joined the select first hundred two minute trotters and \$100,000 earners lists. She was voted USTA Harness Horse of the Year. In addition he had a 2x4 cross to Volomite and his third dam, May Spencer, was inbred 3x2 to the great mare Emily Ellen and 4x2 to Guy Axworthy.

From his eight hundred and ninety five foals Noble Victory sired two hundred and thirty two Classic Progeny but his major impact was through his fillies. His ratio of Classic Winners to foals as a broodmare sire places him in all time fifth place behind Valley Victory, Speedy Crown, Hoot Mon and Speedy Somolli. He was only once the leading sire of America and his sireline survived through one son, ABC Freight.

ABC Freight

Although he had only a modest racetrack record, ABC Freight was the fastest two year old of all time

when his time trial lowered the record of Nevele Pride. He won eleven of his fourteen starts but only two were Classic Races. His final two years on the track provided only five wins from eighteen starts without a Classic Race credit.

His pedigree has a 3x6 cross to Evensong and a 4x5 to May Spencer, but was not considered to be strong. After four mediocre seasons at stud he was exported to Sweden. His thirty Classic Progeny included only three Classic Winners, the best being Hambletonian winner Historic Freight who did not succeed at stud.

Garland Lobell



This branch of the sireline was saved by Garland Lobell, a son that won only fourteen of sixty three starts and did not manage to win a Classic Race. He has only one cross of 4x4 to Stars Pride but his maternal family is a successful branch of the wonderful Mambrino Beauty family. His dam produced seven winners and three Classic Progeny from seven foals with one taking the Italian Derby. His grandam produced nine Classic Progeny.

Although breeding to small numbers of ordinary mares, Garland Lobell produced a number of promising performers in Canada and was moved to stud in New York. He finished with one hundred

and fifty eight Classic Progeny and eighty one Classic Winners. While none of these were stars of the track he sired three lightly raced colts that each became outstanding sires. They represent perhaps the greatest example of three siring full brothers in the history of the standardbred.

The breeding of these three full brothers is most interesting. They have no crosses in their first four generations but four crosses to Stars Pride in their fifth generation.

The sire of their dam, the classically bred Magna Force, had only one race start and failed at stud. However, their dam Amour Angus has been a prolific source of Classic Winners.

In addition to the three brothers, her daughter Emile Cas El was Canadian Two Year Old Trotting Filly of the Year before producing another Classic Race winning daughter in Fabulous Kemp. A second daughter Amour Hall produced two Classic Winners and a third daughter, Garnelia Angus, two Classic Race winning grand daughters, one of them being world record holder Godiva Hall.

Conway Hall

The first of the three brothers, Conway Hall, was voted Two Year Old Trotter of the Year in both Canada and USA and had twenty nine starts before racing successfully in Italy as a three year old.

At stud he left one hundred and sixty nine Classic Progeny with one hundred and eight Classic Winners. His best fillies are Kentucky Futurity Filly Trot winner Pizza Dolce and Hambletonian Oaks winner Creamy Mimi.

His best son is the last Triple Crown winner and USTA Trotter of the Year, Windsongs Legacy who sired thirty Classic Winners from four crops before his untimely death. However, two of his sons,

Lucky Chucky and Chapter Seven, have just begun stud careers.

Another son, Broadway Hall, won five Classic Races as a two year old and took USTA Trotter of the Year for his age group. He already has sixty five Classic Winners from his first five crops.

Angus Hall

The second full brother, Angus Hall, won only three Classic Races in his twenty six starts, one being a heat of the Hambletonian. He was, however, the first two year old trotter to better 1:55 and set a new world record.

He was the leading sire of trotting winners in America in 2007 and 2008 and to date has sired ninety seven Classic Progeny of which seventy seven are Classic Winners. His best is the mare Peaceful Way who won seventeen Classic Races from fifty two starts and was Canadian Filly Trotter of the Year for two and three year olds and Mare Trotter of the Year for Canada and USA in both 2005 and 2006. As well as winning \$2.7 million she became the fastest trotting mare in history as a four year old.

The best son of Angus Hall is Canadian Harness Horse of the Year, Majestic Son, winner of eleven Classic Races from thirty eight starts plus \$1.7 million in earnings. In taking the Breeders Crown he became the only horse to defeat Triple Crown winner and USTA Harness Horse of the Year, Glidemaster.

Andover Hall

The third of the trio is USTA Two Year old Trotter of the Year, Andover Hall, a winner of six Classic Races from twenty nine starts. He sired one hundred and seven Classic Winners. His best daughter, Pampered Princess, was voted USTA

Filly Trotter of the Year at two and three in both Canada and USA, won nine Classic Races and earned \$1.6 million.

His best son, Donato Hanover, was voted USTA Trotter of the Year for two and three year old colts and won the Hambletonian and Kentucky Futurity among his thirteen Classic Race wins in just twenty two races. At three he became the fastest trotter in history, had more earnings in a single year than any other horse in the history of the breed and was voted USTA Harness Horse of the Year. He retired to stud with earnings of almost three million dollars.

[Donato Hanover](#)



The closest cross in the pedigree of Donato Hanover is a 4x4 to Speedy Crown. His stud career appears promising with his first crop delivering ten Classic Winners including 3YO Filly of the Year, Check Me Out. He already has forty Classic Winners and his third crop includes the 2YO Filly of the Year, Shake It Cerry.

[Noble Gesture](#)

We now turn our attention to the second siring son of Noble Victory. The fastest two year old of his year, Noble Gesture won eight of ten starts including three Classic Races. His temperament proved his undoing and he did not live up to

expectations, with just fifteen wins from thirty five races.

Bred on the popular Volomite- Scotland cross, his dam was a full sister to the Hall of Fame Immortal Impish. Winner of six Classic Races, Impish was USTA Two Year Old Trotter of the Year and in 1961 the fastest two year old trotter in history.

At stud, Noble Gesture sired less than three hundred foals with sixty one Classic Progeny before his early death. Of his sixteen Classic Winners only one son, Yonkers Trot winner Mystic Park, had any real success on the racetrack. His three year old season yielded thirteen wins from sixteen starts with five Classic Race wins. Mystic Park's place in history was assured when he sired Mack Lobell, one of the all time great racehorses whose story is covered in chapter twelve.

[Balanced Image](#)



A second son, Balanced Image, won only eleven of thirty eight starts and one Classic Race but became the leading sire of trotters in the USA for eight successive years. His two hundred and ninety five Classic Progeny with one hundred and thirty eight Classic Winners includes an Elitlopp winner in Billijobimbo, multiple Trotter of the Year winners Arch Madness, Armbr Leader, Banker Hall, Earl, and Impeccable Image plus four millionaires. However, it does not appear that any of his sons will extend his sire line.

Worthy Boy



The third great sire son of Volomite was Worthy Boy, a winner of three Classic Races including a heat of the Hambletonian.

As well as being bred 3x3 to Peter the Great, and 4x4 to Zombro, Worthy Boy is 2x4 to full brother and sister and Kentucky Futurity winners, Peter Volo and Volga E, the dam of Jane Revere. In addition, his grandam Alma Lee is also the dam of the outstanding mare Rosalind, discussed more fully in chapter eleven.

Worthy Boy was the leading stake winning sire of trotters in the USA in 1957 and his most successful son Mainliner won the Hambletonian. He was even better as a broodmare sire with fifty one Classic Winners including the great pacing sires Race Time and Storm Damage. However, it was another son, the tough open class trotter Stars Pride, that was to gain him immortality as a sire.

Stars Pride

Stars Pride won the Lexington at two but performed even better at three taking the Kentucky Futurity among his twelve wins from twenty six starts. He matured even more at four and five winning twenty of his forty starts. He was the fastest trotter of the year at both three and four and bettered

Greyhound's world race record that had stood for fifteen years.

His breeding and sire record are more fully discussed in chapter seven and it is his five greatest sire sons that are discussed next.

Ayres



Ayres won only seven of his twelve starts as a two year old but trotted a world record on a half mile track that bettered the pacers. At three he became the equal fastest race winning trotter in history, won thirteen of his fifteen starts and became only the third trotter to win the Triple Crown.

Bred on the classic Volomite-Scotland cross, he also had a 3x4 cross to Mr McElwyn, six crosses to Peter the Great and is from the strong Midnight family. At stud he produced only twenty two Classic Winners from his six hundred and seventy one foals but these did include two Hambletonian winners in full brothers Christopher T and USA Three Year Old Trotter of the Year, Timothy T. The latter went on to race in Europe where he was a dual winner of the Elitlopp. He finished with twenty six Classic Race victories and was the European Grand Champion. Another son, The Last Hurrah, was also exported to Europe where he won thirteen Classic Races. None of his sons bred on.

Hickory Pride

A modest race performer, Hickory Pride had only one Classic Race victory among his twenty one wins from eighty four starts.

Inbred 3x3 to Mr McElwyn he shares his grand dam with Hambletonian winner Helicopter while his third dam, Rose Scott is a full sister to Scotland. Hickory Pride was twice the leading sire of trotting winners and produced one hundred and ninety seven Classic Progeny with sixty two Classic Winners.

His first crop included his most outstanding daughter, Fresh Yankee, who collected fourteen Classic Races including an Elitlopp, and Carlisle who won thirteen Classic Races. Another daughter, Ima Lula, took out the Hambletonian Oaks. As a broodmare sire Hickory Pride had seventy three credits including Hambletonian winner Green Speed.

Carlisle, who twice won USTA Horse of the Year honours for aged trotters, went on to sire seventy Classic Progeny but only nine Classic Winners. He served eleven seasons at stud in USA before being exported to Sweden. His best was Bedford Spirit who won all but one of his twenty eight starts as a two year old.

None of his sons sired on but he did make a contribution to the broodmare sire ranks through Baltic Speed. It was left to a modest race track performer in Yankee Bambino to precariously extend the sire line.

A winner of just two Classic Races, including a heat of the Hambletonian, Yankee Bambino sired only twenty five Classic Progeny and eleven Classic Winners. Likewise his best son Photo Maker also won just the one Classic Race and in turn sired a mere fifteen Classic Winners.

Of these, the best was SJs Photo whose fourteen Classic Race wins all came as an aged trotter. After being voted USTA Trotter of the Year for aged horses he campaigned successfully in Europe and retired with more than one million in earnings.

SJs Photo

Beside a 4x4 cross to Stars Pride his breeding is surprisingly short on top class performers, comprising mainly obscure sons and families. Yet at stud he has sired two hundred and fifteen Classic Progeny and one hundred and sixty nine Classic Winners internationally.

His gelded son Corleone Kosmos is among the fastest twenty trotters of all time and has winnings approaching two million dollars. Another son, Classic Photo, was Canadian Three Year Old Trotter of the Year and earned \$1.4 million. His richest son is Hambletonian winner Vivid Photo with more than three million dollars and as a three year old became the fastest ever winning trotter.

At the moment the sire line appears to rest with another millionaire son, world record holder and USTA Three Year Old Colt Trotter of the Year, in SJs Caviar.

SJs Caviar



The first crop of SJs Caviar earned him honours as leading sire of two minute three year old performers. He has sixty three Classic Winners from his seven crops to race.

[Lindys Pride](#)



Although an outstanding two year old, winning thirteen races from twenty eight starts, it was at three that Lindys Pride excelled. The fastest of his year, he won eleven of seventeen starts and became the fifth trotter to win the Triple Crown. He finished his racing career that year with fourteen Classic Race wins.

His brief stud career produced just four hundred and ninety eight foals. The wealthiest were Hambletonian Oaks winning daughters Spring Dash and Elmsford while his fastest was Cornstalk (T1:53.4) who, at the time, trotted the fastest race mile in history. It was another son in Lindys Crown that extended his line, albeit briefly.

[Lindys Crown](#)

Lindys Crown won only thirteen races from forty one starts with just three Classic Race wins, with many losses due to poor racing manners. He was fast however, and held the world race record for four years until bettered by Cornstalk.

After eight years at stud in America Lindys Crown was exported to Europe where he sired many top

class performers. Eventually, he outperformed his sire with one hundred and thirty seven Classic Progeny and sixty eight Classic Winners.

His fastest was world record holder Smooth Blend, who raced in Finland, while his richest was millionaire mare Scenic Regal, who won USTA Trotter of the Year awards for aged mares in three consecutive years. His most successful offspring was millionaire son Digger Crown who won twelve Classic Races in Sweden and Italy. None of his sons bred on.

[Nevele Pride](#)



One of the greatest trotters of all time, he was the fourth Triple Crown winner and was voted USTA Harness Horse of the Year in each of the three years that he raced. His racing career is covered more fully in chapter twelve.

His stud career did not match his racetrack performance, mainly due to the limit placed on his availability at stud. He sired only eight hundred and ten foals from twenty three crops, about one third of the progeny of Super Bowl, yet had a slightly superior ratio of Classic Progeny to foals, with two hundred and forty seven of them. Also, most of his best horses raced in Europe.

He finished with eighty three Classic Winners, his fastest being Meadow Roland, winner of eleven Classic Races. His wealthiest was Elitlopp winner Pershing, a European Grand Champion with twenty Classic Race wins. Other progeny of note were; Madison Avenue with eight Classic Race wins, USTA Trotter of the Year, Panty Raid, with eight Classic Race wins, Snack Bar with ten, Evita Broline with eight and USTA Three Year Old Filly Trotter of the Year, Rosemary. His best however, was Bonefish.

Bonefish



Voted USTA Two and Three Year Old Trotter of the Year in the only two years that he raced, Bonefish was also the fastest trotter of both years. He won seventeen of twenty eight starts with twelve Classic race wins including the Hambletonian.

His pedigree has a double Volomite-Scotland cross and his grand dam Expresson, the fastest three year old trotter of her year, is inbred 2x3 to Volomite. Expresson took a world record and the Buckette among her three Classic Race wins. At stud she went on to produce forty nine Classic Winners among her descendants, including Hambletonian winners Bonefish and Tagaliabue.

Bonefish spent twelve years at stud in America before being exported to Europe. He finished with

two hundred and fourteen Classic Progeny and fifty eight Classic Winners. His best was Elitlopp winner Sea Cove winner of eighteen Classic Races and nearly \$2.5 million in stake earnings, while his fastest was USTA Two Year Old Trotter of the Year, Firm Tribute (T1:54.3), winner of eight Classic Races and more than one million dollars in earnings.

Overall, his fillies performed better than his colts and while no son carried on his line he has one hundred and fifty three Classic Winners among his broodmare credits. The standout is Moni Maker with thirty two Classic Race wins and the first standardbred to exceed five million dollars in earnings. We now turn to the fifth and greatest son of Stars Pride, Super Bowl.

Super Bowl



Besides a 3x3 cross to Volomite, Super Bowl carried Guy Axworthy, Scotland and San Francisco on his fifth line. He was only the fifth two minute performer from his family with Florican and Galophone being two of the others. Since then his branch of the maternal line has flourished. His grandam Bewitch took two Classic Races and has thirty four Classic Winner descendants, the fastest

being the gelding Lolique (T1:52.4) plus the wealthiest, World Trotting Derby winning mare, Park Avenue Kathy, with twelve Classic Race wins and \$1.6 million in earnings.

Super Bowl has more Classic Progeny, more Classic Winners and more broodmare winning credits than any other standardbred in history except Speedy Crown. His siring career is expanded upon in chapter seven and we now turn to his six greatest siring sons and their sire lines.

[American Winner](#)



Although having a mediocre two year old season, American Winner returned at three to win nine consecutive races in a season that saw him win fifteen of twenty two races and ten Classic Races. His Yonkers Trot win was in world record time as was his Hambletonian win, being the fastest of all time and beating the mark set by Mack Lobell. The following week he joined the 1:53 list with his life mark of T1:52.3.

Both his dam and third dam were Classic Winners while his second dam produced Mack Lobell as well as twenty two Classic Winner descendants. Super Pleasure, the full brother to American Winner, won seven Classic Races and left thirty six Classic Progeny with seventeen Classic Winners,

but most were fillies. A second full brother in BJs Mac won three Classic Races at two and sired nine Classic Winners but none of his sons sired on.

At stud American Winner has produced one hundred and twenty six Classic Progeny with sixty six Classic Winners. He has two on the 1:53 list, the fastest being the filly Anklet Hanover (T1:52.2). His best in Europe is Swedish Horse of the Year, Viking Kronos, winner of six Classic Races and the highest two year old stake earner in Europe.

American Winner's wealthiest son, Kentucky Futurity winner Credit Winner, had five Classic Race wins and \$1.4 million in earnings and appears likely to extend the sire line.

American Winner may yet make his greatest contribution as a broodmare sire. He already has eighty Classic Winners and these include; USTA Aged Trotter of the Year, Sand Vic, with twelve Classic Race wins and two million in earnings, Canadian Thee Year Old Trotter of the Year Classic Photo with six Classic Race wins and \$1.4 million in earnings and Hambletonian winner and fastest three year old of all time, Muscle Hill, also with over three million in earnings and fourteen Classic Race wins.

[Credit Winner](#)

Credit Winner is currently America's leading sire on stake earnings as well as the leading sire of both 2:05 two and three year old trotters. He has already produced seventy one Classic Winners and three potential siring sons from nine crops.

Credit Winner has a 3x4 cross to Stars Pride and a 4x3 cross to Speedy Crown, while his third dam is bred 3x3 to Volomite and his grandam has nine Classic Progeny.

He has three millionaires in Crazy, world record holder Dejarbro and USTA Two Year Old Trotter of the Year and World Trotting Derby winner Chocolatier. All are on the 1:53 list. His daughter Jezzy has five Classic Race wins and almost one million dollars in earnings.



Credit Winner has three sons that have the potential to extend the sireline. Crazy and Yonkers Trot winner Judge Joe both have three crosses to Speedy Crown while Chocolatier is bred 4x4 to both Speedy Somolli and Armbro Flight.

Cumin

The second of the siring sons of Super Bowl, Cumin, won three two year old Classic Races in spectacular fashion but retired, due to injury, after his first three year old race. His breeding ensured an opportunity at stud.

Bred on the Volomite-Scotland cross with 2x4 inbreeding to Stars Pride, Cumin was also a full brother to USTA Filly Trotter of the Year for three year olds, Jefs Spice who had thirteen Classic Race wins and over two million in earnings. His third dam has produced forty two Classic Winner descendants including the great sire Garland Lobell and world record trotting filly Snow White.

At stud Cumin has fifty seven Classic Winners but it does not appear that he has a son to carry his sire line forward.

Joie de Vie



USTA Three Year Old Trotter of the Year and winner of seventeen of his thirty race starts including the Yonkers Trot, Joie De Vie also collected over one million in stake earnings

He has a 3x3 cross to Rodney while his dam is crossed 5x3 to Evensong and his third dam is inbred 2x3 to Guy Axworthy and 4x4 to McKinney.

At stud, Joie De Vie has sired forty five Classic Winners but none seem likely to extend his sire line. After six seasons he was exported to Europe. It appears more likely that he will leave his mark as a broodmare sire where he already has eighty three Classic Winners including Hambletonian Oaks winners Lookout Victory and Passionate Glide, each with ten Classics Race wins, plus promising young sire Tom Ridge.

Supergill

One of the highest priced yearlings of all time, Supergill won five of six starts and one Classic Race at two, but despite being the fastest of his year at three he won only three races. He was retired to stud for six seasons before being exported to Italy.

As well as a 2x4 cross to Stars Pride his dam was a world record holder with six Classic Race credits. She in turn was bred 3x3 to Speedster. At stud he has produced two hundred and twenty Classic Progeny and one hundred and six Classic Winners.

The best of his American born progeny included Toss Out (T1:54.1), who won ten Classic Races in America and Italy with earnings of \$1.6 million, and European World Cup winner Rite on Line with eight Classic Race wins and over one million in earnings. Swedish born filly Giant Diablo (T1:50.1) took the Breeders Crown and Oaks in Sweden before racing in America where she claimed the title of fastest trotting mare of all time. She has eleven Classic Races to her credit.

His best, however, is USTA Harness Horse of the Year and Hambletonian winner Malabar Man. With twelve Classic Race wins and over two million dollars in earnings, he has sired seventy Classic Winners but does not appear to have a siring son capable of extending the line.

A second son in Striking Sahbra won five of his six Classic Races as a two year old and has been the leading sire of trotting winners three times. He has seventy eight Classic Winners but most of his success has come through his daughters.

Texas

Although the least successful race performer among the six siring sons of Super Bowl, with only eight race wins, the three Classic Races won by Texas did include the Kentucky Futurity. This was one of those rare occasions where a horse became the third in line following his sire and grand sire to win a Classic Race. For good measure his grand dam Cassin Hanover and her sire Hoot Mon were also victors in this race.

Texas spent ten years at stud in America before being exported to Europe. He has twenty six Classic Winners with the best of his American progeny being dual USA Breeders Crown winning daughter and European Grand Circuit champion Grades Singing. She has nineteen Classic Race wins and \$1.5 million in earnings.

The best of his Swedish progeny is dual Elitlopp winner Copiad, winner of fifty of his eighty two races, over two million dollars in stake money and twenty Classic Races. He has had limited siring success in Sweden.

Almost a century after the foaling of Scotland and Volomite the survival of their trotting sire lines rests with four branches. Three remain for Volomite; the Noble Victory branch through the grandsons of Garland Lobell, the Stars Pride branch through SJs Caviar, and the Super Bowl branch through Chocolatier and Crazyed.

The future of the Scotland branch appears to rest with the descendants of Valley Victory through Muscles Yankee and his sons; Muscle Hill, Deweycheatumnhowe, Tom Ridge and Muscle Massive. However, as the past has shown, one can never be certain where or when a saviour may arise.