

## **BREEDERS CROWN DRIVER BIOS**

### **JOE BONGIORNO**

**Born: 9/23/1993 – Birthplace: Red Bank, NJ – Resides: Monroe, NJ**

**Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- \* Won the 2019 Breeders Crown Open Pace with American History for trainer Tony Alagna.
- \* Finished second by a nose with Play Trix On Me in 2020 final for 3-year-old male trotters.
- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2016.
- \* Won the Canadian Trotting Classic with Slay on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Set career high for purses in 2021 with \$6.87 million.
- \* Has won more than 2,600 races and \$39 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Was the 2010 Amateur Driver of the Year, awarded by the U.S. Harness Writers Association, and was USHWA Monticello-Goshen chapter's 2011 Rising Star Award winner.
- \* Brother of trainer Jennifer Bongiorno.

### **GEORGE BRENNAN**

**Born: 4/20/1967 – Birthplace: Monticello, NY – Resides: Freehold, NJ**

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2011, 2010.**

**Breeders Crown trophies: 6.**

- \* Got his first Breeders Crown in 1998 with 3-year-old filly pacer Galleria at Colonial Downs.
- \* Most recent trophy was with Hana Hanover in the 2009 Mare Pace at the Meadowlands.
- \* Top win this year came with Drama Act in the Blue Chip Matchmaker final on April 25 at Yonkers Raceway.
- \* Has won more than 11,400 races and \$197 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks No. 11 in wins among all North American drivers in history and No. 7 in purses.
- \* Received the 1996 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* Sat in for an injured John Campbell and guided Glidemaster to victory in the 2006 Yonkers Trot. The win completed a sweep of the Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity, Yonkers Trot) and propelled Glidemaster to U.S. Horse of the Year honors.
- \* Won both the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in 2011, joining Brian Sears as the only drivers to capture those two races on the same day. Broad Bahn won the Hambletonian and Bold And Fresh won the Oaks.
- \* Started driving in amateur races at the age of 14. His stepfather, Joe Ricco Jr., was a trainer and driver at Monticello and Brennan immersed himself in the sport at an early age. Brennan was a leading driver in New England before moving to New Jersey in the mid-1990s. He has won multiple driving titles at Yonkers Raceway.

## **DEXTER DUNN**

**Born: 9/1/1989 – Birthplace: New Zealand – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ**

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2021, 2020, 2019.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 8.

- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2019 and has won at least two trophies every year.
- \* Won with 2-year-old filly pacer Niki Hill for trainer Chris Ryder and 3-year-old filly trotter Bella Bellini for trainer Nifty Norman in 2021.
- \* In 2020 became the ninth driver in Crown history to win at least four finals in a year.
- \* Regular driver of Bulldog Hanover, who paced the fastest mile in history on July 16 at the Meadowlands, winning the William R. Haughton Memorial in 1:45.4.
- \* Won the Canadian Pacing Derby with Bulldog Hanover on Sept. 3 at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:46.4 – equaling the fastest mile ever in Canada.
- \* Led all drivers in North America in purses in 2021 with \$12.9 million. Also led all drivers in 2020 with \$11.1 million.
- \* Has won more than 1,600 races and \$50 million in purses since arriving in the U.S. from New Zealand in the summer of 2018.
- \* Led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017.
- \* Won the 2015 World Driving Championship.

## **SYLVAIN FILION**

**Born: 2/7/1969 – Birthplace: Angers, Quebec – Resides: Milton, Ontario**

**O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 2.

- \* Won his first Breeders Crown in 2001 with Goliath Bayama, a horse bred and trained by his father Yves, in the Open Pace.
- \* His second trophy came in 2012 with 2-year-old male trotter Wheeling N Dealin.
- \* Has won more than 9,700 races and C\$133 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Among the Top 20 North American drivers in history for purses and in the Top 25 for wins.
- \* Led all Canadian drivers in purses for five consecutive years, 2012 through 2016.
- \* Won the World Driving Championship in 1999.
- \* Sylvain's father Yves was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2016. His uncle Herve retired as the winningest driver in history and is in the Canadian and U.S. halls of fame.

## **YANNICK GINGRAS**

**Born: 8/4/1979 – Birthplace: Sorel, Quebec – Resides: Allentown, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2022.

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2017, 2014.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 24.

- \* Ranks sixth in Breeders Crown history with 24 trophies.
- \* He is third among active drivers, trailing Brian Sears (35) and David Miller (29). John Campbell holds the record with 48 victories in the series.
- \* Won multiple Breeders Crown trophies in a year on seven occasions.
- \* Has won at least one trophy nine of the past 10 years.
- \* Won his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 3-year-old female trotter Southwind Serena, at odds of 50-1.
- \* Top win this year came with Beach Glass in the Meadowlands Pace on July 16.
- \* Led all drivers in North America in purses four consecutive years, 2014-2017. Has been no worse than third for the past 10 years.
- \* Ranks fifth all time in career purses with more than \$212 million.
- \* Has won more than 8,200 races lifetime.
- \* Known for his association with pacer Foiled Again, who retired in 2018 as the richest horse in harness racing history, with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings. Foiled Again and Gingras won the 2013 Breeders Crown Open Pace in the mud at Pocono, beating Pet Rock by a nose after a memorable stretch drive.
- \* A third-generation horseman from Quebec, Gingras arrived in the U.S. in 2001 and established himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway before moving to the Meadowlands.
- \* Received the 2003 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* Has sat behind three Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year winners: Tall Dark Stranger in 2020, Hannelore Hanover in 2017, and JK She'salady in 2014.

## **TONY HALL**

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

- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2017.
- \* Has appeared in two Crown finals, with a best finish of eighth.
- \* Already has set a career high for purses this year with more than \$4.6 million.
- \* Top win this year came with Iwon't Backdown As in a Kentucky Commonwealth Series final on Sept. 19 at the Red Mile.
- \* Has been a top driver in Ohio and at The Meadows in Pennsylvania during his career.
- \* Won more than 6,900 races and \$64 million in purses lifetime.

**JODY JAMIESON**

**Born: 11/6/1976 – Birthplace: Truro, Nova Scotia – Resides: Guelph, Ontario**

**O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2011, 2009, 2007.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 3.

- \* Captured his first Breeders Crown in 2007 with 2-year-old male pacer Santanna Blue Chip, who was trained by his father, Carl.
- \* Added two trophies in 2011, with 3-year-old female pacer Monkey On My Wheel and Frenchfrysnvinegar in the Mare Trot.
- \* Top win this year came with Stockade Seelster in the Metro Pace on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Led all North American drivers in wins in 2009 with 796.
- \* Has won more than 8,500 races and C\$143 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks in the Top 20 all time in purses among North American drivers.
- \* A two-time winner of the World Driving Championship, in 2001 and 2011.
- \* Received the 2006 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* His father Carl was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2013.

**TYLER JONES**

**Born: 11/12/1993 – Birthplace: Sherbrooke, Quebec – Resides: Waterdown, Ontario**

- \* Making his Breeders Crown debut.
- \* Top win this year came with Tactical Planner, trained by his father Dustin, in the Pure Ivory on Aug. 4 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Began driving in 2016 and has won more than 160 races, with career highs of 42 victories and C\$866,000 in purses in 2022.
- \* Has a degree in criminology.
- \* Spent five years as a social worker before turning his attention to racing.
- \* His father, Dustin, is a two-time Breeders Crown winner as a trainer.

**MATT KAKALEY****Born: 3/19/1988 – Birthplace: Royal Oak, MI – Resides: Mountain Top, PA****Breeders Crown trophies: 2.**

- \* Won both his Breeders Crown trophies in 2018, with 3-year-old male pacer Dorsoduro Hanover and 3-year-old filly pacer Percy Bluechip. The victories came at his home track, The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.
- \* Set a career high with \$9.04 million in purses in 2017 and is within \$1 million of reaching that figure this year.
- \* Top win this year came with Pleaseletmeknow in the MGM Grand Messenger Stakes on July 1 at Yonkers Raceway.
- \* Has won more than 5,700 races and \$95 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Received the 2010 Rising Star Award by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* A third-generation horseman, Kakaley follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, Joe, who owned horses and spurred the family's interest in harness racing, plus dad, driver John Kakaley, and mom, trainer Linda Kakaley.
- \* Lived in Michigan but spent his teen years around Pompano Park in Florida before moving to Ohio in 2007 and embarking fulltime on his career as a driver.

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

- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2012.
- \* Has appeared in nine Crown finals, with a top finish of sixth.
- \* Led all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2021.
- \* Tops all drivers in Canada in wins and purses in 2022.
- \* Has won nearly 3,000 races and C\$51 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Top win this year came with Linedrive Hanover in the Charles Juravinski Memorial Cup at Flamboro Downs' half-mile oval in a Canadian-record 1:49.
- \* Won the 2017 World Driving Championship, hosted by Canada that year.
- \* Brother of Mark MacDonald and Anthony MacDonald.

**MARK MacDONALD**

**Born: 12/9/1978 – Birthplace: Charlottetown, PEI – Resides: Goshen, NY**

**O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2006, 2005.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 3.

- \* Has won three Breeders Crown finals, most recently in 2017 with pacing mare Pure Country. He won with older female pacer Moving Pictures in 2007 and 3-year-old male pacer Betterthancheddar in 2011.
- \* Driver of 2021 Dan Patch Award-winning 2-year-old male trotter King Of The North.
- \* Has won more than 6,500 races and \$100 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Canada's Driver of the Year in 2005 and 2006; set Canadian records for wins each year.
- \* Received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2005.
- \* Moved to the U.S. in 2012.
- \* Brother of drivers Anthony MacDonald and James MacDonald.

**PAUL MacDONELL**

**Born: 1/29/1963 – Birthplace: Oshawa, Ontario – Resides: Guelph, Ontario**

**Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame:** Class of 2020.

**O'Brien Award Driver of the Year:** 2008.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 8.

- \* Won his first Breeders Crown with Bay's Fella in the 1990 Open Pace at Pompano Park.
- \* Regular driver of Hall of Fame pacer Somebeachsomewhere, who was a Breeders Crown champion at age 3 in 2008 on his way to Horse of the Year honors in the U.S. and Canada.
- \* Also won Crown trophies with Dan Patch Award and/or O'Brien Award winners Billyjojimbob, Lifetime Dream, Village Jiffy, Duke Of York, and Jereme's Jet.
- \* Has won more than 5,700 races and C\$126 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks among the Top 20 in purses among all drivers in history.
- \* Drove 2005 Canadian Horse of the Year Award recipient Admiral's Express.

## **ANDREW McCARTHY**

**Born: 3/31/1986 – Birthplace: Bathurst, Australia – Resides: Swedesboro, NJ**

**Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- \* Won the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old male trotters with Jujubee in 2021 for trainer Greg Wright Jr.
- \* Jujubee went on to be named 2021 Dan Patch Award Trotter of the Year.
- \* In 2019, McCarthy became the eighth driver in history to win at least four Breeders Crown finals in a year. He became the first to accomplish the feat without driving a favorite.
- \* A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced in North America since 2007. He has won more than 3,100 races and \$67 million in purses during that time.
- \* Got win 3,000 in North America on May 7 at Harrah's Philadelphia.
- \* Set career highs for wins with 315 and purses with \$8.72 million in 2021.
- \* Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Instagram Model in the Jim Doherty Memorial on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands.
- \* McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Todd, now in the U.S., and Luke, who raced in the U.S. in 2009, are successful drivers and his father John is a highly regarded trainer. The McCarthy family was selected by the Bathurst Harness Racing Club as its 2016 Gold Crown honoree.

## **TODD McCARTHY**

**Born: 2/24/1993 – Birthplace: Australia – Resides: Bordentown, NJ**

- \* McCarthy, the younger brother of driver Andy McCarthy, made his Breeders Crown debut in 2021 and drove in eight finals. His top finish was third (twice).
- \* Moved to the U.S. at the end of August 2020.
- \* Had contemplated leaving Australia to his continue his career in North America for several years but watching Andy win four Crown trophies in 2019 helped convince him to do it.
- \* Since arriving in the U.S., McCarthy has won nearly 700 races and \$16 million in purses.
- \* Won two million-dollar races this year, the Hambletonian with Cool Papa Bell on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands and the North America Cup with Pebble Beach on June 18 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Joined brothers Andy and Luke as the winning driver of at least one \$1 million race, an unprecedented accomplishment for brothers. Andy won the 2020 Hambletonian with Ramona Hill. Luke has won multiple Miracle Mile trophies in Australia.
- \* Driver of 2021 Dan Patch Award winner for best older male pacer Allywag Hanover.
- \* Received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2021.
- \* McCarthy's accomplishments Down Under included winning the 2016 Australasian Young Drivers Championship and multiple New South Wales state and metropolitan premiership driving titles.

**BOB McCLURE****Born: 9/26/1990 – Birthplace: Orangeville, Ontario – Resides: Rockwood, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2020.****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- \* Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2020 by driving On A Streak to victory for trainer Luc Blais in the final for 2-year-old male trotters.
- \* Picked up career win 3,000 on June 25 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Top victory this year came with Sylvia Hanover in the She's A Great Lady on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Finished No. 1 in purses in Canada in 2020 with C\$6.67 million.
- \* Has exceeded C\$4 million in purses for five consecutive years, including 2022. Has C\$39 million in lifetime purses.
- \* Led Canada in wins in 2017 and 2016 and was third in 2018 and 2015. He raced primarily at Canada's "B" tracks before moving to the main stage of the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit in December 2017.
- \* In 2019, McClure won the Hambletonian in his first try, guiding Forbidden Trade to the victory for trainer Blais. Forbidden Trade was named Canada's Horse of the Year.
- \* Received the 2019 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

**DOUG McNAIR****Born: 12/29/1989 – Birthplace: Windsor, Ontario – Resides: Guelph, Ontario****O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2017.****Breeders Crown trophies: 1.**

- \* Won the 2017 Breeders Crown for 2-year-old male pacers with Stay Hungry, who went on to receive an O'Brien Award at the end of the season.
- \* Got career win 4,000 on April 15 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Captured the Battle of Waterloo with Sounds Good, trained by his father Gregg, on Aug. 1 at Grand River Raceway. It was the McNairs fifth victory in the event, giving Doug the record for a driver and pulling Gregg within one of the record for a trainer.
- \* Led all drivers in Canada in purses in 2017 with C\$5.92 million.
- \* Has earned more than C\$73 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Topped C\$5 million in seven of the past eight years, including 2022.
- \* Drove pacer Dr J Hanover to the fastest mile in Canadian history, 1:46.4, at Mohawk in 2017. Bulldog Hanover equaled the record this year.



## **MATTIAS MELANDER**

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

- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2019.
- \* Has appeared in two Crown finals, with a best finish of second.
- \* Drives on a limited basis for his older brother, trainer Marcus Melander.
- \* Has 81 wins and \$2.1 million in purses in his career.
- \* Top victories this year came in two legs of the Kentucky Championship Series with Dire Straits at Lexington's Red Mile.
- \* Finished second in the Kentucky Futurity with Temporal Hanover, trained by Marcus, on Oct. 9 at the Red Mile.
- \* Already has set a career high with more than \$640,000 in purses this year.
- \* Came to the U.S. and worked for Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, the winningest trainer in Breeders Crown history. Planned to return home after a year, but Takter talked him into staying.

## **ANDY MILLER**

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

**Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- \* Got his first Breeders Crown trophy in 2004 with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover, who was trained by his brother Erv. It also was Erv's first Crown.
- \* In 2009, Miller teamed with his wife, trainer Julie Miller, to win a Breeders Crown with Lucky Jim in the Open Trot at the Meadowlands.
- \* Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Max Contract in the Mistletoe Shalee on July 16 at the Meadowlands.
- \* Won Kentucky Championship Series finals with French Wine and Date Night on Sept. 18 at the Red Mile.
- \* Has won more than 9,900 races and \$136 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks No. 19 among all drivers in North America in career wins and No. 12 in purses.
- \* Began driving at the age of 16 on the Illinois fairs circuit. He was a top driver in Chicago before moving to the East Coast in 2006.
- \* Andy and Julie were married in 1996 and started their harness racing stable the same year. Their son Tyler (T.J.) started driving on a regular basis in 2020.

**DAVID MILLER****Born: 12/10/1964 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Robbinsville, NJ****Hall of Fame:** Class of 2014.**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2016, 2015, 2003.**Breeders Crown trophies:** 29.

- \* Ranks No. 2 among active drivers in Breeders Crown wins with 29 and is fourth all time in the series. He trails John Campbell (48), Brian Sears (35), and Ron Pierce (30).
- \* Set the record for most Breeders Crown victories in a single year with five in 2015. He accomplished the feat at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.
- \* Has won multiple Breeders Crown finals in a year eight times in his career.
- \* He collected two trophies in 2021, with 3-year-old filly pacer Test Of Faith for trainer Brett Pelling and 3-year-old male pacer Perfect Sting for trainer Joe Holloway.
- \* Test Of Faith was the 2021 Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year and Perfect Sting was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 3-year-old male pacer.
- \* Miller won his first Crown in 2000 with Magician in the Open Trot.
- \* He won Breeders Crown titles with two other Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year recipients, No Pan Intended in 2003 and Always B Miki in 2016.
- \* Top Grand Circuit wins this year include the Dayton Distaff with Test Of Faith and Dayton Oaks with When Dovescry on Oct. 1 at Hollywood Dayton Raceway.
- \* Has won more than 13,800 races and \$268 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks No. 6 all time in wins among North American drivers and No. 2 in purses.
- \* Has ranked among the top five in purses 22 of the past 23 years.
- \* Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.

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

- \* Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2018 and has appeared in 11 finals with a best finish of second with 2-year-old filly pacer Sea Silk in 2021.
- \* Fulfilled a childhood dream by winning the 2022 Little Brown Jug with Bythemissal on Sept. 22 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Ohio.
- \* Got lifetime win 6,000 on June 9 at Eldorado Scioto Downs, where he has captured multiple driving titles during his career.
- \* Set a career high with \$6.80 million in purses in 2021. He is on the verge of surpassing that figure this season.
- \* Has nearly \$60 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Got involved in harness racing by helping his uncles, who were hobby horsemen, at the county fairs in Ohio. He attended his first Little Brown Jug in 1993, won by Life Sign, which cemented his love of the sport.

## **BRIAN SEARS**

**Born: 1/21/1968 – Birthplace: Fort Lauderdale, FL – Resides: Secaucus, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2017.

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2009.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 35.

- \* Leads active drivers in wins in Breeders Crown finals with 35 and is second all time in the history of the series. Sears trails only John Campbell (48).
- \* Won one trophy in 2021 with 2-year-old filly trotter Joviality S.
- \* Captured at least one Breeders Crown trophy for 12 consecutive years, 2003 through 2014. He has won multiple finals in a year 10 times.
- \* Got his first Breeders Crown trophy with 3-year-old female trotter Stroke Play in 2003.
- \* He won a total of 19 trophies in the next six years: four in each 2004 and 2005, and three in each 2006, 2008 and 2009. He had two victories in 2007.
- \* Has driven four Horse of the Year Award winners: Rocknroll Hanover in 2005, Muscle Hill in 2009, Bee A Magician in 2013, and McWicked in 2018. All were Breeders Crown champs for Sears, with Muscle Hill, Bee A Magician, and McWicked being two-time titlists.
- \* Won this year's Yonkers Trot on July 1 with Joviality S, who became the first filly to beat the boys in the Trotting Triple Crown event since Continental victory in 1996.
- \* Most lucrative win this season came with Kilmister in the Peter Haughton Memorial on Aug. 6 at the Meadowlands.
- \* Has won more than 10,300 races and \$210 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Ranks 18th in North American history for wins among drivers and sixth in purses.
- \* Led the sport in purses in 2005 with a then-record \$15 million.
- \* Was the 1991 Rising Star Award recipient from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* A native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Sears is a third-generation horseman, following in the footsteps of his grandfather Gene and dad Jay. Both are in the Florida Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

## **LOUIS ROY**

**Born: 11/29/1989 – Birthplace: Rimouski, Quebec – Resides: Mississauga, Ontario**

**O'Brien Award Driver of the Year: 2019, 2018.**

- \* Made his Breeders Crown debut in 2017.
- \* Has appeared in seven finals, with a best finish of third (twice).
- \* Got career win 2,000 on July 22 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Has C\$35 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Led all Canadian drivers in purses with C\$6.79 million and wins with 413 in 2018.
- \* Top Grand Circuit win this year came with Velvet Stinger in the Simcoe Stakes on Sept. 10 at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- \* Spent six years competing, and dominating, on the Quebec fair circuit before making a name for himself at Hippodrome 3R (Trois-Rivières), which propelled him to regular drives on the Woodbine-Mohawk/Ontario circuit.
- \* Won the 2016 Gold Cup & Saucer with YS Lotus and received Canada's Future Star Award.
- \* Roy is a graduate of the University of Quebec at Rimouski. For the first two years of his driving career, he also worked as a financial analyst for a telecommunications company.

## **JORDAN STRATTON**

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

- \* Debuted in the Breeders Crown in 2020.
- \* Has appeared in two Crown finals, with a best finish of second.
- \* Got career win 5,000 on Sept. 29 at Yonkers Raceway.
- \* Has more than \$87 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Top victory this year came with Funatthebeach N in the MGM Borgata Pacing Series championship on April 25 at Yonkers.
- \* Received the 2009 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2009.
- \* Stratton's decision to pursue a career in racing can be traced back to 2001, when he was the groom for two-time Ohio Sire Stakes champion Noble Cam, trained by his father, David.
- \* One of Stratton's early memorable moments came in 2006 when he drove Noble Cam to victory at Monticello Raceway in an amateur event.
- \* Stratton's younger brother Cory also drives and trains.

**JIMMY TAKTER**

**Born: 9/29/1960 – Birthplace: Norrkoping, Sweden – Resides: East Windsor, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2012.

**Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame:** Class of 2019.

**Breeders Crown trophies (as driver):** 2.

- \* Got his first Breeders Crown in 1993 with 2-year-old filly trotter Gleam, one of his two Crown triumphs as a driver.
- \* Drove 2-year-old filly trotter Armbro Prowess to victory in 1996.
- \* Most recent drive in a final came in 2017 with 2-year-old male trotter Samo Different Day. He finished third.
- \* Has 838 wins and \$24 million in purses lifetime as a driver.
- \* Holds the record for most Breeders Crown trophies as a trainer with 34.
- \* Six-time Trainer of the Year in the U.S.: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2010, 2000 and 1996.
- \* Father of trainer Nancy Takter.

## **TIM TETRICK**

**Born: 11/22/1981 – Birthplace: Flora, IL – Resides: Woolwich Township, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2020.

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007.

**Breeders Crown trophies:** 22.

- \* Ranks fourth among active drivers in Breeders Crown finals wins with 22 and is No. 7 all time in the series.
- \* Won a trophy with 2-year-old male trotter Rebuff in 2021.
- \* Captured a career-high four Breeders Crown finals in 2012 at Woodbine Racetrack, including the Open Trot with Chapter Seven. At the end of the season, Chapter Seven was voted Horse of the Year.
- \* Won multiple trophies five other years, most recently in 2018.
- \* In 2014, drove 2-year-old filly pacer JK She'salady to wins in her Breeders Crown elimination and final. She was named 2014 Horse of the Year.
- \* Collected his first Crown trophy in 2007 with Artistic Fella in the Open Pace at Mohawk.
- \* Got career win 13,000 on Aug. 31 at Harrah's Philadelphia, where he has captured multiple driving titles.
- \* Reached \$250 million in lifetime purses on Sept. 6 at the Red Mile.
- \* Ranks No. 7 all time in North American driving wins and No. 3 in purses.
- \* Top wins this year include the Mohawk Million with Oh Well on Sept. 24 at Woodbine Mohawk Park and Hambletonian Oaks with Fashion Schooner on Aug. 6 at Meadowlands.
- \* In 2007, Tetrick won a single-season-record 1,189 races and was named the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award winner as well as Driver of the Year. That season he became the first driver to lead the sport in both wins and purses (a then-record \$18.3 million) in the same year since 1991.
- \* Led the sport in purses seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013, and was No. 1 again in 2018 and 2019. Has not finished worse than third since 2006.
- \* No. 1 in purses this season with more than \$12.5 million.
- \* On his way to finishing in the Top 10 in wins for the 18th consecutive year.
- \* Grew up in Illinois and followed his father, Tom D. Tetrick, into the sport. Brothers Tom T. and Trace also are involved in harness racing. Trace is the all-time leader in wins at Harrah's Hoosier Park.

## **SCOTT ZERON**

**Born: 5/23/1989 – Birthplace: Montreal, Quebec – Resides: Campbell Hall, NY**

**Breeders Crown trophies: 5.**

- \* Pulled off the biggest upset in Breeders Crown history in 2020, guiding Sandbetweenmytoes to victory for trainer Jim Campbell at odds of nearly 204-1 in the final for 3-year-old male pacers at Harrah's Hoosier Park.
- \* Won his first Breeders Crown in 2016 with Call Me Queen Be in the final for 3-year-old female pacers. Won a second trophy in 2018 with 2-year-old male pacer Captain Crunch.
- \* Captured two trophies in 2021, with Rocknificent in the Mare Pace and with 2-year-old male pacer Monte Miki.
- \* Suffered multiple injuries in an accident on July 26. He returned to action Oct. 8.
- \* Won a New Jersey Sire Stakes final on July 22 with Ucandoit Blue Chip at Meadowlands.
- \* Surpassed \$8 million in purses in 2021 for the fourth time in his career.
- \* Has won more than 4,200 races and \$90 million in purses lifetime.
- \* Twice led all Canadian drivers in wins (2010 and 2011) before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013.
- \* In 2012, received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- \* Won the 2016 Trotting Triple Crown (Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, Kentucky Futurity) with Marion Marauder, who was named Trotter of the Year. The then 27-year-old Zeron was the second-youngest driver to win the Hambletonian and youngest driver to win a harness racing Triple Crown, either trotting or pacing.