

The Crowns



The Trotting Triple Crown



Ed Keys

In order to win the Trotting Triple Crown, a 3-year-old must score victories in the Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity, and Yonkers Trot. The oldest stakes is the Kentucky Futurity, which was first raced in 1893. The Hambletonian began in 1926, while the Yonkers Trot (originally called the Yonkers Futurity) was inaugurated in 1955.

The nine Trotting Triple Crown winners since its inception in 1955 are profiled on this and the following pages.

The Trotting Triple Crown's trophy was designed by Lambert Brothers Jewelers, Inc., and features a trotter atop a silver and marble platform supported by three silver columns, each bearing a rectangular plaque, one each for the Yonkers Trot, Hambletonian, and Kentucky Futurity. The columns, in turn, rest on a large black marble base. The trophy's permanent home is at Yonkers Raceway, where it is on display in the trophy case in the main dining room, the Empire Terrace. In the years when the trophy has been won, it was traditionally presented in a luncheon at the Hampshire House Hotel in New York City.



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1955—Scott Frost

(Hoot Mon-Nora)
Owner: Saul A. Camp
 Farms
Breeder: Est. of W.N.
 Reynolds
Trainer/Driver: Joe
 O'Brien
Lifetime Record: 71-56-
 10-4 \$310,685

Horse of the Year in 1955 and 1956, the first horse to repeat that honor. First two-minute 2-year-old trotter. Owner Saul Camp farmed 13,000 acres in California, and was referred to as the "Potato King." An infection resulted in the stallion's sterility in 1962. He died in 1983, at age 31, in California.

1955 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/3—\$86,863 Hambletonian
 (Goshen)
 Straight heats: 2:01³—2:00³
 2nd—Galophone (3-2)

9/1—\$73,840 Yonkers Futurity
 (YR)
 Time: 2:12 (at 1-1/16 mi.)
 2nd—Galophone

10/6—\$62,702 Kentucky
 Futurity (Lex)
 **DNF-1-1 Times: 2:00³—2:04²
 2nd—Home Free (1-2-2)
 **accident with Galophone

1963—Speedy Scot

(Speedster-Scotch Love)
Owner: Castleton Farms
Breeder: Homebred
Trainer/Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Lifetime Record: 57-44-3-0
 \$630,909

Horse of the Year in 1963. Won first Yonkers Futurity raced at mile distance. Lost first heat of Hambletonian by head in world record 1:57³ won by Florlis. Won Kentucky Futurity in stakes record time. Raced as a 4-year-old, beating the best Free For All horses of that era, such as Su Mac Lad and Duke Rodney. Returned to the farm where he was foaled, Castleton, for his stallion career, until his death on June 15, 1990.



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1963 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/15—\$135,127 Yonkers
Futurity (YR)
 Time: 2:03³
 2nd—Florlis

8/28—\$115,549 Hambletonian
 (DuQ)
 2-1-1 Win times: 1:58—1:58²
 2nd—Florlis (1-2-2)

10/4—\$61,128 Kentucky
Futurity (Lex)
 Straight Heats: 1:57¹—1:57²
 2nd—Florlis (2-2)

1964—Ayres

(Star's Pride-Arpege)
Owner: Charlotte Sheppard
Breeder: Homebred
Trainer/Driver: John Simpson, Sr.
Lifetime Record: 30-20-4-3
 \$254,027

Won Yonkers Futurity in stakes record time. Won Hambletonian in stakes and world record equalling time, even after making a break at the start of the first heat. The morning of the Kentucky Futurity, caretaker "Big" Charlie Coleman, who towered over the horse, discovered Ayres missing from his stall. Ayres was found roaming the stable area and had a swollen ankle, possibly connected to a dented chain link fence. A pre-race warmup showed him to be unaffected by his early morning escapade. Died on January 30, 1990, at age 29, at Hanover Shoe Farms, his place of foaling.



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1964 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

7/23—\$116,691 Yonkers
Futurity (YR)
 Time: 2:01³
 2nd—Speedy Count

9/2—\$115,281 Hambletonian
 (DuQ)
 Straight heats: 1:56⁴—1:58¹
 2nd—Big John (2-2)

10/9—\$57,096 Kentucky
Futurity (Lex)
 Straight heats: 1:58¹—1:59²
 2nd—Dashing Rodney (2-3)

1968—Nevele Pride

(Star's Pride-Thankful)

Owner: Nevele Acres & Lou Resnick

Breeders: Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Quin

Trainer/Driver: Stanley Dancer

Lifetime Record: 67-57-4-3 \$873,238

Horse of the Year in 1967, 1968 and 1969. Never headed in either heat of Hambletonian, which he won by four and five and one-half lengths. Also dominated Kentucky Futurity, winning by seven and two and three-quarter lengths, establishing a stakes record. Died on February 13, 1993, at Stoner Creek Farm in Lexington, Kentucky and is buried alongside pacing champion Meadow Skipper and Thoroughbred Triple Crown winner Count Fleet—both former Stoner Creek residents.



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1968 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/8—\$150,000 Yonkers Futurity

(YR)

Time: 2:03³

2nd—Fashion Hill

8/25—\$116,190 Hambletonian

(DuQ)

Straight heats: 1:59³—1:59²

2nd—Keystone Spartan (2-2)

10/4—\$57,398 Kentucky

Futurity (Lex)

Straight heats: 1:57—1:57

2nd—Snow Speed (2-2)

1969—Lindy's Pride

(Star's Pride-Galena Hanover)

Owner: Lindy Farm, Inc.

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.

Trainer/Driver: Howard Beissinger

Lifetime Record: 47-25-9-4

\$396,209

Narrowly avoided an accident in his first Hambletonian heat. The winner's circle population for the Kentucky Futurity victory may have set a world's record, with 41 members of the Lindy Farm (Antonacci and Lomangino families), along with 20 Red Mile directors and press crowding in. Caretaker Osvaldo Formia, of Argentina, went on to train Hambletonian winners Probe and Harmonious. Died June 25, 1997, at Lindy Farms in Connecticut at the age of 31.



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1969 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

7/19—\$100,000 Yonkers

Futurity (YR)

Time: 2:03

2nd—The Prophet

8/27—\$124,910 Hambletonian

(DuQ)

Straight heats: 1:57³—1:58²

2nd—The Prophet (2-3)

10/3—\$64,757 Kentucky

Futurity (Lex)

Straight heats: 1:59—1:59³

2nd—Nevele Major (2-2)



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1972—Super Bowl

(Star's Pride-Pillow Talk)

Owners: Rachel Dancer & Rose Hild Breeding Farm

Breeder: Stoner Creek Stud

Trainer/Driver: Stanley Dancer

Lifetime Record: 51-38-8-2 \$600,156

Won the Hambletonian in stakes and world record time. Super Bowl's dominance scared away all but four other horses in the final leg of the Triple Crown, the Kentucky Futurity. Songcan, with George Sholty driving, stepped on Super Bowl's tire while trying to pass him, and flattened it with 150 yards to go in the first heat. Super Bowl won, even with the flat tire, as he did in the second heat, when Songcan again stepped on the tire, this time shortly after the quarter-mile mark. Super Bowl trotted the last quarter of that mile in :28², Dancer perched over the left wheel in an attempt to diminish the effect of the flat tire on the right. Died in October 1999 following a long and distinguished career at stud.

1972 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/30—\$119,090 Hambletonian (DuQ)

Straight heats: 1:57²—1:56²

2nd—Delmonica Hanover (2-2)

9/29—\$93,097 Yonkers Futurity (YR)

Time: 2:02

2nd—Delmonica Hanover

10/6—\$56,210 Kentucky Futurity (Lex)

Straight heats: 2:00—1:59

2nd—Spartan Hanover (5-2)



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2004—Windsong's Legacy

(Conway Hall-Yankee Windsong)

Owners: Patricia Spinelli, Theodore Gewertz, Ann Jeanette Brannvoll, & Fredrik Lindgaard

Trainer/Driver: Trond Smedshammer

Lifetime Record: 17-10-2-4 \$1,744,644

The son of Conway Hall began the Triple Crown by being upset in an elimination for the Hambletonian, by Tom Ridge and Cash Hall, but rebounded in the \$1 million final by steaming from seventh position at the quarter pole to get the lead at the top of the stretch and win in 1:54¹. In the Yonkers Trot he also came from off the pace, and gained three and three-quarter lengths in the stretch and won in track and stakes record time. Another pair of off-the-pace wins—he was seventh at the half-mile mark in the first heat, after starting from post position 11—in the Kentucky Futurity made him the first Trotting Triple Crown winner in 32 years. A bittersweet addendum to his Hambletonian victory was that five percent of his earnings in the final of that classic were donated to the American Cancer Society in honor of Patricia Spinelli's husband, Ronald, and Trond Smedshammer's father, Lars, who had both lost their lives to lung cancer. Windsong's Legacy died March 1, 2008, at age seven.

2004 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/7—\$1,000,000 Hambletonian

Final (M)—1:54¹

2nd—Cantab Hall

9/29—\$391,200 Yonkers Trot

(Haw)—1:53¹

2nd—Cantab Hall

10/9—\$393,300 Kentucky

Futurity (Lex)

Straight Heats: 1:54—1:53

2nd—Rocky Balboa (2-3)

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2006—Glidemaster

(Yankee Glide-Cressida Hanover)

Owners: Robert Burgess, Karin Olsson-Burgess, Marsha Cohen, and Brittany Farms

Trainer: Blair Burgess

Drivers: John Campbell/George Brennan

Lifetime Record: 20-11-8-0

\$1,968,023

Trainer Blair Burgess won his second Hambletonian (Amigo Hall, 2003) and driver John Campbell won his sixth, and Glidemaster set a stakes record of 1:51¹. In the Kentucky Futurity, Glidemaster prevailed in a duel with the winner of the other elimination, E L Mikko, in 1:51³, again with Campbell in the bike. Glidemaster then became the eighth trotter to win the Trotting Triple Crown when he won the Yonkers Trot in a record 1:55⁴, with George Brennan subbing for an injured John Campbell, and the colt capped a record single year with \$1.9 million won.

2006 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/5—\$1,500,000 Hambletonian
Final (M)—1:51¹
2nd—Chocolatier

10/7—\$526,00 Kentucky
Futurity (Lex)—1:51³
2nd—E L Mikko

11/25—\$728,930 Yonkers Trot
(YR)—1:55⁴
2nd—Algiers Hall

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2016—Marion Marauder

(Muscle Hill-Spellbound Hanover)

Owners: Marion Jean Wellwood and Devin Keeling

Breeder: William Mulligan

Trainer: Paula Wellwood

Driver: Scott Zeron

Lifetime Record: 27-11-8-3

\$1,761,518

Overcoming a start from the second tier post No. 11, driver Scott Zeron guided Marion Marauder to a late-stretch victory in the \$431,000 Kentucky Futurity, winning by a head over Southwind Frank and becoming the first Trotting Triple Crown winner since Glidemaster in 2006. Marion Marauder's other Triple Crown victories include the \$1 million Hambletonian, where he finished a nose ahead of rival Southwind Frank, and the \$500,000 Yonkers Trot, where he withstood a late charge from Smalltownthrowdown to win in 1:56.1.

2016 Trotting Triple Crown Box Score

8/6—\$1,000,000 Hambletonian
Final (M)
Straight heats—1:51.3—1:51.4
2nd—Southwind Frank

9/3—\$500,000 Yonkers Trot
Final (YR)
Time: 1:56.1
2nd—Smalltownthrowdown

10/9—\$431,000 Kentucky
Futurity (Lex)
Time: 1:52.3
2nd—Southwind Frank

The Pacing Triple Crown



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To win the Pacing Triple Crown, a 3-year-old must score victories in the Cane Pace, Little Brown Jug, and Messenger Stakes. The oldest stakes is the Little Brown Jug, first raced in 1946. The Cane Pace (originally called the Cane Futurity) began in 1955. The Messenger started a year later.

The 10 Pacing Triple Crown winners since it began in 1956 are detailed on this and the following pages.

The Pacing Triple Crown trophy is a tall silver urn with a removable top, sitting on a double-tiered black marble base. The trophy features three silver horses in full stride emerging from the sides of the urn. Three gold medallions are inscribed with the names of the Messenger Stakes, Cane Pace, and Little Brown Jug, the three jewels in pacing's triple crown. The trophy is in permanent residence in the Yonkers Raceway trophy case, located in the Empire Terrace dining room.



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1959—Adios Butler

(Adios-Debby Hanover)
Owners: Paige West & Angelo Pellillo
Breeder: R.C. Carpenter
Trainer: Paige West
Driver: Clint Hodgins
Lifetime Record: 50-37-4-1
 \$509,844

Horse of the Year in 1960 and 1961, but not during his Triple Crown season in 1959. He only started nine times at three. Won Messenger in track and stakes record time. First horse to win the Jug with mile faster than two minutes and set a world record in the stake. Syndicated at age four for \$600,000—a record at the time. Adios Butler died in 1983 after 22 years at stud at Fair Chance Farm in Washington Court House, Ohio.

1959 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

7/16—\$54,457 Cane Futurity (YR)
 Time: 2:09 (Raced at 1-1/16 miles)
 2nd—Adios Oregon

8/21—\$110,994 Messenger (RR)
 Time: 2:00¹
 2nd—Meadow Al

9/24—\$67,582 Little Brown Jug (Dela)
 Times: (x-1-1) 1:59²—2:00⁴
 2nd—Meadow Al (1-x-2)

1965—Bret Hanover

(Adios-Brenna Hanover)

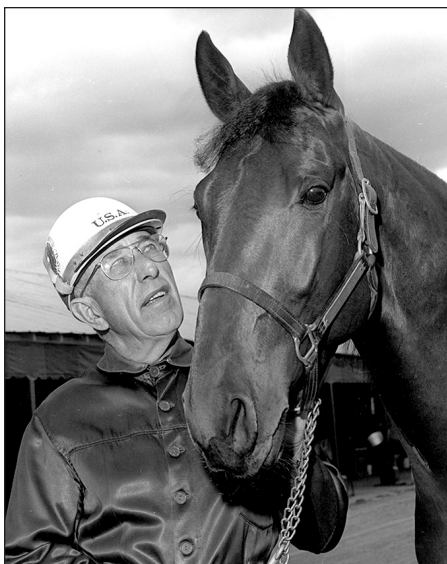
Owner: Richard Downing

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms

Trainer/Driver: Frank Ervin

Lifetime Record: 68-62-5-1 \$922,616

Horse of the Year in 1964, 1965 and 1966. Cane win was No. 26 in his string of 35 consecutive wins, despite suffering a severe bump in the first turn. Won Jug in stakes and world record times. His 1965 earnings of \$340,975 marked a single-season record for a Standardbred. Bret's 35 consecutive wins as a 2- and 3-year-old are believed to be a modern record. One of just two horses named Horse of the Year three times, with Triple Crown winner Nevele Pride repeating the feat in 1967, '68, and '69. Died at Castleton Farm at age 30, on November 21, 1992, and was buried at the Kentucky Horse Park. At the time of his death he was a leading stallion, with his progeny fifth on the all-time list of moneywinners at \$62,000,000.



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1965 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

5/12—\$125,235 Cane Futurity
(YR)

Time: 2:01
2nd—Bobby T Knight

9/23—\$71,447 Little Brown Jug
(Dela)

Straight heats: 1:57—1:57²
2nd—Tuxedo Hanover (2-2)

11/19—\$151,252 Messenger
(RR)

Time: 2:02
2nd—Tuxedo Hanover

1966—Romeo Hanover

(Dancer Hanover-Romola Hanover)

Owner: Lucky Star Stables & Morton Finder

Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms

Trainer: Jerry Silverman

Drivers: William Myer (Cane), George Sholty (Jug & Messenger)

Lifetime Record: 44-36-2-4 \$658,505

Romeo Hanover was a modestly-priced yearling at \$8,500, but he proved to be a gold mine, earning \$658,505 on the track. His dam, Romola Hanover, became the first mare of any breed to produce offspring that won more than \$2.3 million. The tracks for Cane and Jug listed as fast but were drenched by rain prior to post. Lost only one start in 1966. He died in 1998; his last crop of foals were born in New Zealand in 1990. He is pictured here with William Myer, who drove him in the 1966 Cane Pace.



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1966 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

5/19—\$126,915 Cane Futurity
(YR)

Time: 1:59⁴
2nd—Buzzy Hanover

9/22—\$74,616 Little Brown Jug
(Dela)

Straight heats: 2:01²—1:59³
2nd—Good Time Boy (2-2)

10/29—\$169,885 Messenger
(RR)

Time: 2:01
2nd—Good Time Boy

1968—Rum Customer

(Poplar Byrd-Custom Maid)

Owners: Kennilworth Farms & Louis and Connie Mancuso

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Larkin

Trainer/Driver: William Houghton

Lifetime Record: 141-52-27-25

\$1,001,548

A 19-day layoff before the Little Brown Jug did not dull the colt's speed or sharpness. He had missed the Jug Trial due to a virus. The Mancusos became owners when Lloyd Lloyds (Kennilworth Farm) traded a portion of Rum Customer for an airplane owned by Louis Mancuso, who was also Lloyd's personal pilot. Died October 18, 1995, after standing stud in New Zealand.



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1968 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

9/19—\$104,226 Brown Jug
(Dela)

x-1-1 Times: 1:59³—1:59³

2nd—Adios Waverly (1-x-7)

10/12—\$150,000 Cane Futurity
(YR)

Time: 1:59⁴

2nd—Fulla Napoleon

10/26—\$189,018 Messenger
(RR)

Time: 2:01⁴

2nd—Tropic Song

1970—Most Happy Fella

(Meadow Skipper-Laughing Girl)

Owner: Egyptian Acres Stable

Breeder: Stoner Creek Stud

Trainer/Driver: Stanley Dancer

Lifetime Record: 40-22-10-3 \$419,033

Purchased as a yearling by Stanley Dancer and his wife, Rachel, for \$12,000; they sold him for \$1 million to Blue Chip Farm the day before the 1970 Little Brown Jug. After winning Cane in stakes record time, Dancer publicly predicted he'd go on to a Triple Crown win. A top sire, he died at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center in 1983 while being treated for a broken leg. He's buried at Blue Chip Farms in Wallkill, New York.



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1970 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

8/29—\$102,770 Cane Futurity
(YR)

Time: 1:58³

2nd—Shreik

9/24—\$100,110 Little Brown
Jug (Dela)

1-2-1 Times: 1:57¹—1:57³

2nd—Columbia George (3-1-2)

11/7—\$123,450 Messenger
(RR)

Time: 2:00³

2nd—Truluck

1980—Niatross

(Albatross-Niagara Dream)
Owners: Niagara Acres, Clint Galbraith and Niatross Stables
Breeder: Niagara Acres
Trainer/Driver: Clint Galbraith
Lifetime Record: 39-37-0-0
 \$2,019,213

Horse of the Year in 1979 and 1980 and first sub-1:50 performer (1:49¹). Won the Little Brown Jug in world record times. The Cane win was 19th straight of career and came week before he fell at Saratoga to end the streak. One of the most publicized Standardbreds of all time, Niatross was featured on "ABC World News Tonight" in 1980, and was the only horse to be named Athlete of the Year by the *New York Post*. He returned to the Jug and the Messenger at age 19 in 1996 as part of a nine-city nostalgia tour. He died in June 1999 after a long career at stud.

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1980 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

6/28—\$321,365 Cane Pace (YR)
 1-x-1 Times: 1:57³—1:57⁴
 2nd—Trenton Time (x-1-2)

9/18—\$207,361 Little Brown Jug (Dela)
 Straight heats: 1:55—1:54⁴
 2nd—Storm Damage (4-2)

10/11—\$173,522 Messenger (RR)
 Time: 1:59³ ("good" track)
 2nd—Tyler B

1983—Ralph Hanover

(Meadow Skipper-Ravina Hanover)
Owners: Waples Stable, Pointsetta Stable, Grant's Direct Stable & P.J. Baugh
Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms
Trainer: Stew Firlotte
Driver: Ron Waples
Lifetime Record: 40-27-9-1
 \$1,828,871

Set stakes records in both the Messenger and the Cane. Won the second and final heat of the Little Brown Jug in a season's record 1:55³, despite a windy, cold day with temperatures in the 50s. Established single season's earnings record of \$1,711,990. He died in October 2008.

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1983 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

6/18—\$379,004 Messenger (RR)
 1-1 Times: 1:59¹—1:57
 2nd—Raffi (1-2)

8/20—\$559,230 Cane Pace (YR)
 2-1 Win time: 1:57
 2nd—Van Kirk (1-2)

9/22—\$358,800 Little Brown Jug (Dela)
 1-1 Times: 1:58²—1:55³
 2nd—Skirt Lifter (2-2)



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1997—Western Dreamer

(*Western Hanover-Fits Of Fun*)
Owners: Daniel, Patrick, Jr., and Matthew Daly
Breeder: Kentuckiana Farms
Trainer: Bill Robinson
Driver: Michel Lachance
Lifetime Record: 85-26-15-12
 \$1,805,026

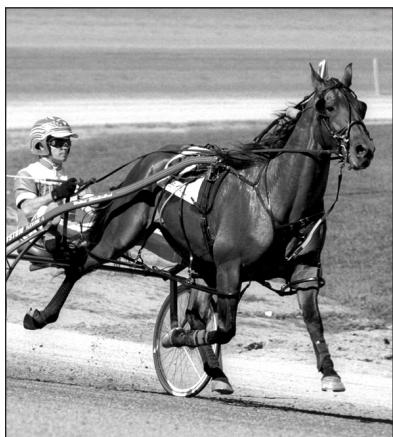
Western Dreamer set champagne corks flying in the Messenger Stakes winner's circle at Ladbroke at the Meadows, capping a Triple Crown season that saw the son of Western Hanover thoroughly dominate his peers. He went wire-to-wire in winning the Cane Pace by two lengths as the 1-10 choice; used a similar trip to win the second and deciding heat of the Little Brown Jug in 1:51¹—the fastest second heat in history and a stakes record; and shrugged off a seemingly dull performance in his elimination heat of the Messenger to go wire-to-wire again and win by 4¾ lengths. He now resides at the Kentucky Horse Park Hall of Champions.

1997 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

8/22—\$318,141 Cane Pace Final
 (YR) Time: 1:53²h
 2nd—The Wiz

9/18—\$544,688 Little Brown Jug
 (Dela) 1-1 Win time: 1:51¹h
 2nd—The Wiz (2-2)

10/10—\$414,126 Messenger
 Stakes (Mea)
 3-1 Time (final): 1:51³f
 2nd—Dream Away (1-2)



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1999—Blissfull Hall

(*Cambest-Hundred Kisses*)
Owner: Daniel Plouffe
Breeder: Walnut Hall Limited
Trainer: Ben Wallace
Driver: Ron Pierce
Lifetime Record: 31-19-4-6 \$1,468,648

Following a 14-year drought between Ralph Hanover and Western Dreamer, the sport had to wait but two years to see its next Triple Crown winner as Daniel Plouffe's Blissfull Hall swept the pacing classics. After Ron Pierce became the colt's regular driver for the Adios on August 14, everything seemed to fall into place. Despite a loss in the final of that rich stakes, the pair swept through the Crown events and were never worse than third in 17 trips postward. Perhaps most impressive of his Crown wins was the race-off of the Little Brown Jug, where he collared second-heat winner Looking For Art and sped to a one-length win in the deciding heat. Following his 3-year-old campaign he returned to Walnut Hall Ltd. in Lexington, Ky. to begin his stud career, but was not bred to any mares in 2012 or 2013.

1999 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

8/22—\$377,934 Cane Pace Final
 (Fld) Time: 1:51⁴h
 2nd—Heartbeat Mindale

9/23—\$543,980 Little Brown
 Jug (Dela) 1-3-1 Win time
 (race-off): 1:56⁴h
 2nd—Looking For Art (2-1-2)

10/16—\$434,700 Messenger
 Stakes (Mea)
 1-1 Time (final): 1:51²f
 2nd—Grinfromeartoeat (2-2)



2003—No Pan Intended

(Pacific Fella—Classic Wish)

Owner: Peter Pan Stables, Inc.

Breeder: Winbak Farm

Trainer: Ivan Sugg

Driver: David Miller

Lifetime Record: 34-18-5-3 \$1,581,735

The handsome son of Pacific Fella swept through the Triple Crown classics in perfect fashion—winning each and every one of the heats, whether eliminations or finals, in which he raced. In fact, to win the Triple Crown, perhaps a misnomer, he actually had to win six times—twice in each of the three races. He might not have had the opportunity to win his Crown, but after he had not been kept eligible to the Messenger

Stakes, owner Bob Glazer had an easy decision to make: He paid the \$35,000 supplemental entry fee and entered No Pan Intended in the third and final jewel of the Triple Crown. For making that payment, No Pan Intended was rewarded with a luckless draw that saw him start from the No. seven post in both his elimination and the final—which, as it turned out, was no problem.

2003 Pacing Triple Crown Box Score

9/1—\$331,000 Cane Pace Final
(Fhld) Time: 1:53³/₁₆
2nd—Tidal Search

9/18—\$605,050 Little Brown Jug
(Dela) 1-1 Win time: 1:53h
2nd—Armbrro Animate (1-3)

10/18—\$252,945 Messenger
Stakes Final (Mea)
Time: 1:52⁴/₁₆
2nd—The Globe

Trotting Triple Crown: Winners of Two Legs

On 19 occasions, one horse has nearly swept the Trotting Triple Crown, but was unable to complete the hat trick among the Yonkers Trot, Hambletonian, and the Kentucky Futurity:

Year	Yonkers Trot	Hambletonian	Kentucky Futurity
2015	Habitat	Pinkman	Pinkman
2014	Nuncio	Trixtan	Nuncio
2009	Judge Joe	Muscle Hill	Muscle Hill
2008	Napoleon	Deweycheatumnhowe	Deweycheatumnhowe
2007	Green Day	Donato Hanover	Donato Hanover
2005	Strong Yankee	Vivid Photo	Strong Yankee
1999	CR Renegade	Self Possessed	Self Possessed
1998	Muscles Yankee	Muscles Yankee	Trade Balance
1996	Continentalvictory	Continentalvictory	Running Sea
1994	Bullville Victory	Victory Dream	Bullville Victory
1993	American Winner	American Winner	Pine Chip
1987	Mack Lobell	Mack Lobell	Napoleatano
1978	Speedy Somolli	Speedy Somolli	Doublemint
1977	Green Speed	Green Speed	Texas
1976	Steve Lobell	Steve Lobell	Quick Pay
1970	Victory Star	Timothy T	Timothy T
1962	A C's Viking	A C's Viking	Safe Mission
1961	Duke Rodney	Harlan Dean	Duke Rodney
1959	John A Hanover	Diller Hanover	Diller Hanover
1958	Spunky Hanover	Emily's Pride	Emily's Pride

Winners of the First Two Legs of the Triple Crown

There are eight trotters who have won the first two legs of the Triple Crown but not the third:

A C's Viking finished fourth and third to Safe Mission, the straight-heat winner. Steve Lobell lost all three heats by a total margin of less than a half-length—losing by a nose to Soothsayer in the first heat, then falling short by a nose and neck to Quick Pay in the next two heats. He went on to record a “nose” victory in voting for Trotter of the Year, edging Keystone Pioneer by four votes, 98 to 94. Green Speed went on to finish 1977 as the Horse of the Year despite not being eligible to the Kentucky Futurity. Speedy Somolli made breaks in his two heats, finishing sixth and placed seventh, then finishing second and placed fourth to the race winner, Doublemint, in the final. Despite the breaks, voters forgave him and voted him Trotter of the Year for 1978. Mack Lobell, after winning his first heat in 1:55,

was stalked by Napoletano (the eventual winner) in the final. Napoletano trotted a :26.1 final quarter to edge the favorite in the second, and final, heat. American Winner was simply second-best to Pine Chip in the first heat of the 1993 Kentucky Futurity, and then made a break in the second heat to lose any chance he might have had to become the first trotter since his sire, Super Bowl, in 1972, to win the Triple Crown. Continentalvictory seemed poised to become the first filly to win a Triple Crown title in 1996, but lameness from an injury forced her to be scratched just prior to the Kentucky Futurity. Muscles Yankee was used hard and early in an opening-heat duel with Kick Tail and Trade Balance and faded to finish fifth in that Futurity heat; he brushed to an early lead in the second heat, but finished third. Self Possessed was not entered in the Yonkers Trot, opting instead to race in the American-National, which he won.

Trotting Triple Crown ‘Bridesmaids’

In the years since the Trotting Triple Crown was formed two horses have had the dubious distinction of finishing second in all three legs—the Hambletonian, Kentucky Futurity and the Yonkers Trot.

In 1961, Duke Rodney, winner of both the Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity, dueled with Harlan Dean, the Hambletonian winner, for honors

as the sport's top 3-year-old trotter. All the while, Caleb was the bridesmaid, finishing second in each of the classic events.

Two years later, Florlis won the “runner-up triple,” just as Caleb had. 1963 was the year of Speedy Scot's Triple Crown victory and Florlis chased him in each of the three classic races.

The Trotting Triple Crown Dates and Records

Event	2017 Date	Stakes Record	(Record-Holder, Year)	2017 Winner
Hambletonian Final	August 6	1:50.1	(Muscle Hill, 2009)	Perfect Spirit
Kentucky Futurity	October 8	1:50.1	(Donato Hanover, 2007)	Snowstorm Hanover
Yonkers Trot Final	September 2	1:54.1h	(Archangel, 2012)	Top Flight Angel

Pacing Triple Crown: Winners of Two Legs

The Pacing Triple Crown events have not always been raced in the same chronological order. The numeral next to the name of the winner shows the sequence for that year.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Cane Pace (Leg)</i>	<i>Messenger (Leg)</i>	<i>Brown Jug (Leg)</i>
2010.....	One More Laugh, 1	Rock N Roll Heaven, 3	Rock N Roll Heaven, 2
2007.....	Always A Virgin, 1	Always A Virgin, 3	Tell All, 2
2004.....	Timesarechanging, 1	Metropolitan, 2	Timesarechanging, 3
1998.....	Shady Character, 1	Fit For Life, 3	Shady Character, 2
1993.....	Riyadh, 1	Riyadh, 2	Life Sign, 3
1992.....	Western Hanover, 1	Western Hanover, 2	Fake Left, 3
1990.....	Jake And Elwood, 1	Jake And Elwood, 2	Beach Towel, 3
1986.....	Barberry Spur, 1	Amity Chef, 3	Barberry Spur, 2
1982.....	Cam Fella, 1	Cam Fella, 3	Merger, 2
1979.....	Happy Motoring, 1	Hot Hitter, 3	Hot Hitter, 2
1977.....	Jade Prince, 1	Governor Skipper, 3	Governor Skipper, 2
1976.....	Keystone Ore, 1	Windshield Wiper, 3	Keystone Ore, 2
1974.....	Boyd Hanover, 1	Armbro Omaha, 3	Armbro Omaha, 2
1971.....	Albatross, 2	Albatross, 1	Nansemond, 3
1964.....	Race Time, 3	Race Time, 1	Vicar Hanover, 2
1963.....	Meadow Skipper, 1	Overtrick, 3	Overtrick, 2
1960.....	Countess Adios, 2	Countess Adios, 1	Bullet Hanover, 3
1957.....	Torpid, 1	Meadow Lands, 3	Torpid, 2
1956.....	Noble Adios, 2	Belle Acton, 1	Noble Adios, 3

Winners of the First Two Legs of the Triple Crown

Torpid, Countess Adios, Albatross, Keystone Ore, Barberry Spur, Jake And Elwood, Western Hanover, Riyadh, and Shady Character are the only pacers to win the first two legs of the Pacing Triple Crown and fall short in the third.

Torpid finished second in his elimination heat of the Messenger, but bled and was ordered scratched by the track veterinarian prior to the final heat. **Countess Adios** was not eligible to the Jug, but set two world records in winning the Walnut Hall Filly Pace at Delaware. **Albatross** began Jug Day with a win in the second heat over Nansemond. The latter won the third heat rematch by one length, and then won the Jug by a 3/4-length margin over the favorite in the race-off between those two and H T Luca. **Keystone Ore** was simply second best to Windshield Wiper in the one dash of the '76 Messenger. The latter started from post 11 and threaded through heavy traffic in the stretch to win by a 3/4-length upset margin. **Barberry Spur**, trying to overcome post position

nine, was parked throughout the final half and couldn't overcome Amity Chef—a 1-3/4-length victor. **Jake And Elwood** was not eligible to the Jug, but won the Cane Pace at Yonkers Raceway with a thrilling early move from the No. eight post position, and set a stakes record in winning the Messenger Stakes at Rosecroft Raceway. **Western Hanover** was the overwhelming favorite to take the Jug. He was defeated by Fake Left in their Jug elim, but came back to avenge that loss in the second heat—forcing a four-horse race-off with Gamma Ray and Crouch. He lost the race-off to Fake Left by a scant nose. **Riyadh** captured his Little Brown Jug elim with ease, but was defeated by Life Sign in a stretch drive that saw the latter win by a head after being out-kicked away from the gate by Riyadh, and parked almost every step of the mile thereafter. **Shady Character** won his Messenger Elimination, as did Artiscap, and the two engaged in a speed duel in the final, permitting Fit For Life to close past both in the stretch.

Pacing Triple Crown 'Bridesmaids'

Among pacers, no horse has finished second in each of the races, the Cane Pace, Messenger Stakes, and Little Brown Jug. Two horses, however, have had the dubious distinction of finishing third in each of these races: **Morris Eden** finished third

to Torpid in both the Cane Futurity and Little Brown Jug, and again finished third to Meadow Lands in the Messenger Stakes; **Arturo** was third to Western Dreamer in that one's 1997 Triple Crown season.

The Pacing Triple Crown Dates and Records

<i>Event</i>	<i>2017 Date</i>	<i>Stakes Record</i>	<i>(Record-Holder, Year)</i>	<i>2017 Winner</i>
Cane Pace Final.....	August 5 ...	1:47.3	(Dealt A Winner, 2015)	Huntsville
Messenger Stakes	September 2 ...	1:51.1h	(All Bets Off, 2014)	Downbytheseaside
Little Brown Jug	September 21 ...	1:49h	(Betting Line, 2016)	Filibuster Hanover