

Honor Roll

The 2018 Dan Patch Award winners were at the top of their class

story by **Kimberly French**



Each season of harness racing is one to remember and one for the record books, but 2018 was quite remarkable for the variety and substance it yielded. There was **Atlanta's** triumph in the Hambletonian, making her only the 14th female in 93 years to win the classic. There was **Six Pack's** sub-1:50 mile, the first for a 3-year-old colt or gelding trotter. That accomplishment, however, was overshadowed by that of **Homicide Hunter**, who became the fastest trotter of all time. Meanwhile, **Ariana G** was the only repeat winner, making her the third female trotter to receive a Dan Patch Award at ages 2, 3 and 4. There were also new stars on the scene in the two undefeated 2-year-old trotters **Woodside Charm** and **Gimpanzee**.

The pacers, however, did their fair share to attract attention. **Warrawee**

Ubeaut became the swiftest 2-year-old in the sport's history while **Dorsoduro Hanover** emerged as a force to be reckoned with. New Zealand import **Shartin N** became the only pacing mare to ever earn more than \$1 million in a single campaign, while **McWicked** paced the second-fastest mile ever and is only the second horse to win two Breeders Crown titles with a four-year span between the first and second victory. Three-year-old filly **Kissin In The Sand** paced one of the most, if not the most, scintillating miles of the year with her comeback effort in the James Lynch Memorial, while **Captain Crunch** captured not only a Breeders Crown, but the hearts of all those who witnessed his bond with connection Ella Johansson.

Hoof Beats pays homage to the 2018 Dan Patch Award winners and to all those who made them possible.



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2-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING TROTTER

Gimpanzee

Chapter Seven - Steamy Windows

“

He really has the personality of an older horse that's been there, done that. It's quite an asset to have.”

Brian Sears



YEARLING PRICE

\$170,000 under the name Army Of Monkeys at Standardbred Horse Sale

BREEDER

Order By Stable

OWNERS

Courant Inc., S R F Stable

TRAINER

Marcus Melander

DRIVER

Brian Sears

RACES

9-9-0-0

PURSES

\$591,358

MARK

1:54.3 at Vernon Downs

TOP WINS

- \$600,000 Breeders Crown
- \$225,000 New York Sire Stakes final

BALLOTING

117 votes/90 percent

2-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

Woodside Charm

Chapter Seven - Fireworks Hanover

“

She's a very smart horse, very easy to work on. I like her speed and smartness. She's teachable. . . . That's what separates the good ones from the bad ones.”

Verlin Yoder

YEARLING PRICE

Private

BREEDER

AV & Son Bloodstock LLC

OWNER

Verlin Yoder

TRAINER

Verlin Yoder

DRIVER

Verlin Yoder

RACES

7-7-0-0

PURSES

\$521,658

MARK

1:53 at The Downs at Mohegan
Sun Pocono

TOP WINS

- \$600,000 Breeders Crown
- \$236,000 Kentuckiana
Stallion Management
Stakes

BALLOTING

122 votes/93.8 percent



3-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING TROTTER

Six Pack

Muscle Mass - Pleasing Lady

“

He is a horse that wants to win.”

Åke Svanstedt



YEARLING PRICE

\$30,000 at Lexington Selected Sale

BREEDER

Brittany Farms

OWNERS

Åke Svanstedt Inc., Little E LLC,
Stall Kalmar FF, Lars Berg

TRAINER

Åke Svanstedt

DRIVER

Åke Svanstedt

RACES

15-11-2-1

PURSES

\$1,159,648

MARK

1:49.1 at Red Mile (world record
and fastest all-time mile for age,
gait and gender)

TOP WINS

- \$620,000 Kentucky Futurity
- \$500,000 Yonkers Trot
- \$210,150 Matron Stakes

BALLOTING

71 votes/54.6 percent

3-YEAR-OLD FILLY TROTTER

Atlanta

Chapter Seven - Hemi Blue Chip

“

If we chose the Oaks and won it, there would always be that thought that we might have been able to win the Hambletonian. . . . I'm so grateful that she performed like I thought she could and made everybody happy.”

Scott Zeron

YEARLING PRICE

\$60,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale

BREEDER

Order By Stable

OWNERS

Rick Zeron/Crawford Farms,
Holland Racing Stable, Howard
Taylor, Brad Grant

TRAINER

Rick Zeron

DRIVER

Scott Zeron

RACES

14-8-5-1

PURSES

\$1,017,278

MARK

1:50.3 at Vernon Downs

TOP WINS

- \$1 million Hambletonian
- \$320,000 Kentucky Filly Futurity

BALLOTING

125 votes/96.1 percent



OLDER HORSE TROTTER

Homicide Hunter

Mr Cantab - Evening Prayer

“

This is my guy, since he was 3. There's just something about him; he's just special. I worry about him a lot. He's high maintenance in the sense that he likes to be turned out.”

Michelle Crawford



YEARLING PRICE

Homebred, sold privately at age 4

BREEDER

Patrick Graham

OWNER

Crawford Farms Racing

TRAINER

Chris Oakes

DRIVERS

George Napolitano Jr., Brian Sears, Aaron Merriman

RACES

16-9-0-2

PURSES

\$605,770

MARK

1:48.4 at Red Mile (world record, fastest trotter in the sport's history)

TOP WINS

- \$500,000 Breeders Crown
- \$200,000 Hill Memorial
- \$145,000 Allerage

BALLOTING

96 votes/73.8 percent

OLDER MARE TROTTER

Ariana G

Muscle Hill - Cantab It All

“

She's been a world champion from 2 years old and she's just been phenomenal. . . . Now she's a 4-year-old, she's starting to look more professional, but she's been a class horse from day one.”

Jimmy Takter

YEARLING PRICE

Homebred

BREEDERS

Marvin Katz, Al Libfeld

OWNERS

Marvin Katz, Al Libfeld

TRAINER

Jimmy Takter

DRIVERS

Yannick Gingras, Brian Sears, David Miller

RACES

14-5-1-1

PURSES

\$597,802

MARK

1:50.2 at Meadowlands

TOP WINS

- \$405,850 Hambletonian Maturity
- \$250,000 Graduate
- \$150,000 Dayton Derby

BALLOTING

83 votes/63.8 percent



2-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING PACER

Captain Crunch

Captaintreacherous - Sweet Paprika

“

He's got a great personality. He's happy all the time. He's always in a good mood. . . . He's the first horse on the end (of the stable). I park my car there so I can go and see him. It starts out the day good.”

Marcus Johansson



YEARLING PRICE

\$85,000 under the name Captain Bean at Standardbred Horse Sale

BREEDERS

Walnridge Farm, Sherri Meirs

OWNERS

3 Brothers Stables, Christina Takter, Rojan Stables, Caviart Farms

TRAINER

Nancy Johansson

DRIVER

Scott Zeron

RACES

10-6-1-1

PURSES

\$616,113

MARK

1:49.1 at Red Mile

TOP WINS

- \$600,000 Breeders Crown
- \$469,300 Governor's Cup

BALLOTING

126 votes/96.9 percent

2-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

Warrawee Ubeaut

Sweet Lou - Great Memories

66

Of the fastest 25 two-year-old (miles) ever,
only one is by a filly and it's her, Warrawee Ubeaut.
The other 24 were all colts and, of course, she's the fastest."

Mark Weaver

YEARLING PRICE

\$70,000 at Lexington
Selected Sale

BREEDER

Warrawee Farm

OWNERS

Burke Racing Stable, Phil
Collura, J&T Silva-Purnel &
Libby, Weaver Brusceci

TRAINER

Ron Burke

DRIVER

Yannick Gingras

RACES

12-7-1-2

PURSES

\$646,995

MARK

1:48.3 at Red Mile (world record)

TOP WINS

- \$600,000 Breeders Crown
- \$207,000 Kentuckiana Stallion
Management Stakes

BALLOTING

124 votes/95.3 percent



3-YEAR-OLD COLT & GELDING PACER

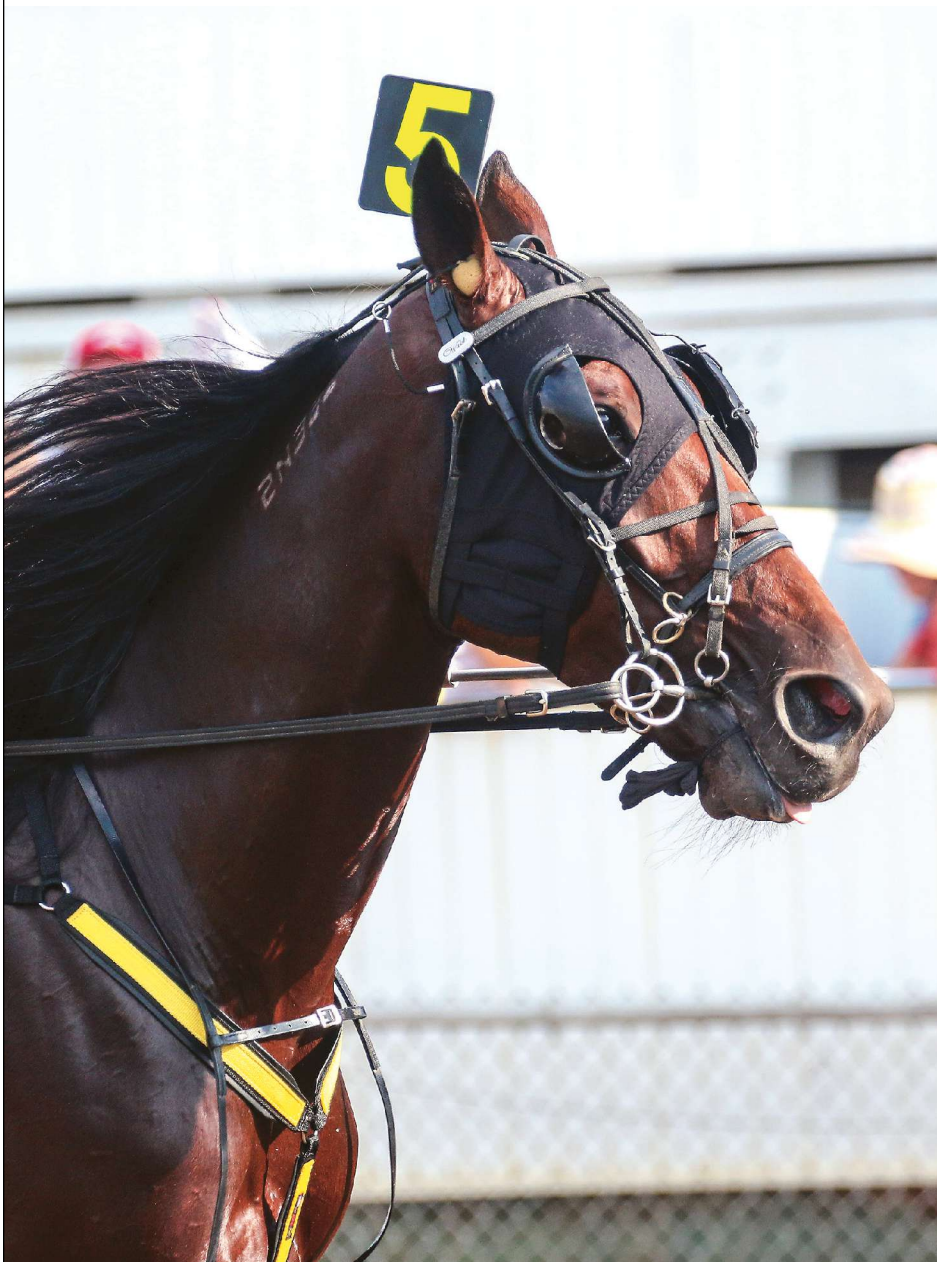
Dorsoduro Hanover

Somebeachsomewhere - Deer Valley Miss

“

All year long he's been there. . . . He races his eyeballs out. Ronnie's got him sharp, and he's kept him sharp a long time. He's done an unbelievable job.”

Matt Kakaley



YEARLING PRICE

\$100,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale

BREEDER

Hanover Shoe Farms

OWNERS

Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva-Purnel & Libby, Weaver Brusceci, Wingfield Five

TRAINER

Ron Burke

DRIVER

Matt Kakaley

RACES

22-10-6-2

PURSES

\$1,284,562

MARK

1:49.4 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono

TOP WINS

- \$530,000 Breeders Crown
- \$400,000 Adios

BALLOTING

65 votes/50 percent

3-YEAR-OLD FILLY PACER

Kissin In The Sand

Somebeachsomewhere - Kiss Me Kate

“

How the heck did she win that race?”

Nancy Johansson (after a scintillating victory in the Lynch Memorial)

YEARLING PRICE

\$130,000 at Standardbred Horse Sale

BREEDERS

Christina Takter, John Fielding,
RAW Equine, Concord Stud Farm

OWNERS

Marvin Katz, Hatfield Stables

TRAINER

Nancy Johansson

DRIVER

Scott Zeron

RACES

15-10-5-0

PURSES

\$845,495

MARK

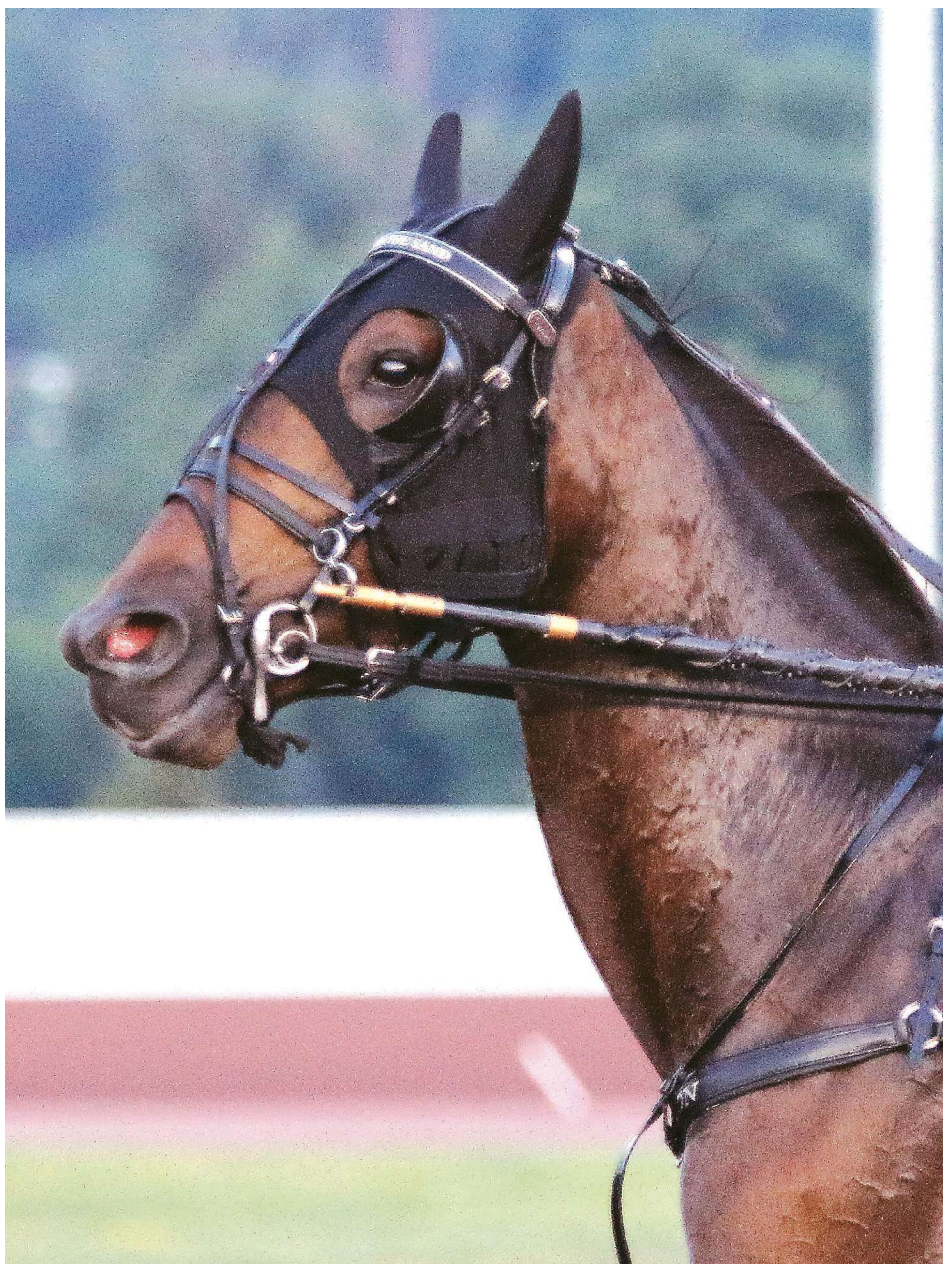
1:47.4 at Red Mile

TOP WINS

- \$300,000 Lynch Memorial
- \$191,800 Mistletoe Shalee

BALLOTING

117 votes/90 percent



OLDER HORSE PACER

McWicked

McArdle - Western Sahara

“

I don't know what there is to be said; everybody that's watched him race knows what he is.”

Casie Coleman



SALE PRICE

\$35,000 as a yearling,
\$210,000 as a 2-year-old

BREEDER

Andray Farm

OWNER

S S G Stables

TRAINER

Casie Coleman

DRIVERS

Brian Sears, David Miller

RACES

19-12-3-2

PURSES

\$1,575,364

MARK

1:46.2 at Red Mile (second fastest
mile all-time)

TOP WINS

- \$500,000 Ben Franklin
- \$471,000 Haughton Memorial
- \$430,000 Breeders Crown final
- \$350,000 TVG Series final
- \$250,000 Canadian Pacing Derby
- \$250,000 Dan Rooney
- \$179,000 Allera

BALLOTING

127 votes/97.6 percent

OLDER MARE PACER

Shartin N

Tintin In America - Bagdarin

“

She is the horse of a lifetime.”

Jo Ann Looney-King

SALE PRICE

Purchased privately as a
4-year-old

BREEDER

G J Crabbe

OWNERS

Richard Poillucci, Jo Ann
Looney-King

DRIVER

Tim Tetrick

RACES

24-19-1-0

PURSES

\$1,053,236

MARK

1:48.2 at Red Mile

TOP WINS

- \$373,000 Blue Chip
Matchmaker final
- \$281,200 Roses Are Red
- \$270,000 Breeders Crown
- \$197,400 Lady Liberty

BALLOTING

129 votes/99.2 percent

