

PP1- Strong Poison (Always B Miki-Fiyonce-Rocknroll Hanover)

The best mile of Strong Poison's life came over the Harrah's Hoosier Park oval. On June 30, in her sophomore debut, Strong Poison made her first start on Lasix and scorched off the speed to a 1:48 victory to win the \$115,000 Nadia Lobell, a stake housed annually by Harrah's Hoosier Park since 2017. Harrah's Hoosier Park also hosted its first Breeders Crown in 2017, a year in which Nadia Lobell winner Blazin Britches hoisted local glory when becoming the fourth filly to also win in the Breeders Crown 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. Strong Poison will try to become the fifth to pull this double also done by Mystical Maddy (1996), Rainbow Blue (2004) and Put On A Show (2010).

Strong Poison hit the board in 11 of her 14 freshman starts. She finished second in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final as a freshman to **TWIN B JOE FRESH** and also finished third to **SYLVIA HANOVER** in the 2022 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace. As a 3-year-old, Strong Poison has only missed the board in one start from 11 tries when she finished sixth in the \$114,770 Adioo Volo in July at The Meadows. She otherwise has been a second-string filly to the dynamic duo of **SYLVIA HANOVER** and **TWIN B JOE FRESH**, finishing third behind them in the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee and later in an \$80,000 Bluegrass division. But in her return to Harrah's Hoosier Park for the Breeders Crown elimination, she exacted revenge with a 1:51.2 front-stepping victory at odds of 4-1 over **SYLVIA HANOVER**.

Trainer Ron Burke sits tied for most victories in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace at three wins with Bob McIntosh (1992, 1993, 2005). Burke started four fillies in the 2022 edition of this race, missing the board with all four. This year, Burke arrives with two – his other being finalist **MCSEASIDE**.

Driver Yannick Gingras will try for his fourth victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, which would tie him for most wins in the event with John Campbell (1989, 1991, 1992, 1993). Gingras has steered two Ron Burke trainees to victory in this event: Sayital BB (2014) and Warrawee Ubeaut (2019). His other win came in a stakes-record performance for Nancy Takter trainee Peaky Sneaky (2020) when the Breeders Crown last came to Hoosier Park.

Strong Poison was bred by Steve Stewart and Charles & Julie Nash. She competes for owners Burke Racing Stable, J&T Silva Stables, Knox Services and Beasty LLC.

Driver Yannick Gingras (after her elimination win): They were walking up there so I figured why not give it a shot.

(On winning Breeders Crowns with fillies with Burke in the past) She's been knocking on the door all season and the Lasix tonight may have made a difference. She was getting a little weak in the last 16th every week in Lexington but she was strong to the wire tonight.

(On if it takes some experience for younger drivers to win Crowns) There is no doubt it's different (driving) in a big race than just regular night racing. For some guys it takes some time and others, I think it took me some time, but it's fun.

Trainer Ron Burke: She was great. I couldn't be happier. She was back on Lasix, likes this track [previously winning the Nadia Lobell in a track-record 1:48 on June 30], and was super.



PP2- Beach Cowgirl (Captaintreacherous-Stonebridge Sundae-Camluck)

Beach Cowgirl went unbeaten as a 2-year-old from four starts, all in Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. That campaign culminated into a 6-3/4-length victory in the \$252,000 final at Harrah's Philadelphia on Sept. 4 in which she paced a 1:50 mile – a world record for 2-year-old pacing fillies on a five-eighths track.

Victories have not been as plentiful for Beach Cowgirl in her sophomore campaign with two visits to the winner's circle from 11 tries. One of her wins came on seasonal debut with a 1:50.1 effort in a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes preliminary. She hit a snag midway through the season when scratching sick on July 15 from the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee final and since then has been on a comeback path.

Part of that comeback includes her only other win on the season with a 1:51.1 effort in a \$26,300 Keystone Classic division on Sept. 29. She shipped to The Red Mile then to compete in a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division, where she fired a :25.2 final quarter to finish fourth behind **TWIN B JOE FRESH** and **STRONG POISON**. The Breeders Crown elimination was her next start and she applied similar off-the-pace fervor to clock a :25.3 final quarter and finish fourth in her elimination (to **STRONG POISON**).

Trainer Jenn Bongiorno also trains finalist and elimination winner **ZANATTA**. Jenn has made three other Breeders Crown appearances and tries for her first trophy. She finished sixth in the 2022 2-Year-Old Filly Pace with **ZANATTA**.

Driver Brian Sears tries for his third victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. He won in back-to-back years with My Little Dragon (2006) and Artcotic (2007). His last appearance in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace was in 2019 when he finished sixth with Queen Of The Pride for trainer Kevin Lare. He's only appeared in this event three times in the last 10 years with Frost Damage Blues (2015) and Major Dancer (2014), who finished second.

Trainer Jenn Bongiorno: Her year has been disappointing for us, I would say. She's had good moments and bad moments, so I was real happy to see the way she raced the other day. I think the start in Lexington, she was super. She came the fastest last quarter on the whole day, and that day was filled with all the best horses, so I was really proud of her. She always was a very quiet horse, and then she started getting racy. She was getting too wound up in her starts. Now, it's been about getting her to relax and calm back down. We've rigged her now exactly the way she was rigged as a 2-year-old when I thought she was a horse that was going to be extremely special. I still do think that. I thought she came home great in her elim, it was exactly what we were looking for. With the post on Saturday, I think Brian [Sears] will be able to get her more involved now. He said she drove perfectly. She is one of the fastest horses I've ever had. She's a sweetheart in the barn, a sweetheart on the track. That's why when she started getting a little bit antsy and grabby, it was surprising. She's a very smart filly, and I think she understands now what we're trying to do.

I think both horses are coming into this race as good as they could possibly be. I think they're both super right now. Obviously, Sylvia and Twin B are such special fillies, but I think my two are really peaking at the right time and I've never felt more confident that they could pull off somewhat of an upset.



PP3- Sweet Amira (Sweet Lou-Bolt Of Thunder-Rocknroll Hanover)

Sweet Amira had a low-key freshman season that began in Aug. 2022 in a preliminary of the Whenuwishuponastar, where she finished fifth before finishing fifth in the \$69,030 final (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**). She then again finished fifth in a \$90,206 Eternal Camnation division (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**) before winning her lone race of the season – an overnight event at Woodbine Mohawk Park timed in 1:52.3. Her campaign wrapped in the Breeders Crown with a fourth-place finish in the \$600,000 final (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**).

As a 3-year-old Sweet Amira began hitting her best stride. She started 2023 with back-to-back victories in overnights at Woodbine Mohawk Park before missing the Fan Hanover final with a sixth-place finish in the elimination. She then finished fourth over the Hoosier Park surface in the \$115,000 Nadia Lobell (to **STRONG POISON**) and later landed her first stakes victory with a 1:50.3 mile in a \$73,473 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes division at The Meadows. She has since stayed in the stakes hunt with a third-place finish in the \$250,000 James Lynch Memorial at Pocono Downs (to **TWIN B JOE FRESH**), second in a \$58,108 Simcoe Stakes division at Woodbine Mohawk Park and second in a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division at The Red Mile (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**). She sat a pocket trip in her Breeders Crown elimination and clung onto the last berth with a fifth-place effort (to **STRONG POISON**).

Trainer Chantal Mitchell makes her first appearance in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. She debuted in 2019 with Alicorn, who finished sixth in the 2-Year-Old Filly Pace.

Driver Louis-Philippe Roy makes his third appearance in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace and tries for his first win in the event. He previously appeared in the 2019 final with an eighth-place finish by Philly Hanover and in 2022 with a 10th-place finish by Galleria Hanover. Roy won his first Breeders Crown in 2022 with Gaines Hanover in the 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot.

Sweet Amira was bred by Vieux Carre Farms LLC. She races for owners Lindsey & Connie Rankin.

Trainer Chantal Mitchell: That was probably the first time she made a bad start for me. I'm going to get her scoped and check it out and see what's going on. I'm not sure what happened. Maybe she didn't like the second quarter being so slow. We'll scope her, check her blood, cross our Ts and dot our Is, and try to be good for next week. She doesn't usually quit like that. But we got in and we get to play next week.



PP4- Zanatta (Stay Hungry-Major Dancer-Art Major)

The breakout moment for Zanatta came at the end of her freshman season, in the 12th start of her campaign, with a first-over assault to down 3-5 favorite **STRONG POISON** and win the \$428,400 Three Diamonds final at The Meadowlands. Yet, she will try to become just the fourth filly to win both the Three Diamonds as a 2-year-old and the Breeders Crown as a 3-year-old with the only others to double being Miss Easy (1990-1991), Immortality (1992-1993) and A And G's Confusion (2007-2008). She also made an appearance in the 2022 2-Year-Old Filly Pace final, finishing sixth behind **SYLVIA HANOVER**.

Her victory in the Three Diamonds is one of six visits she has made to the winner's circle in 27 starts. She went winless through most of her sophomore campaign until hitting a roll that started with a 1:50.1 victory in the first heat of the Jugette before finishing second in the \$255,000 to Ucandoit Blue Chip. After that loss, Zanatta then grabbed a victory in a dead-heat with Ucandoit Blue Chip in the \$100,000 Courageous Lady at Northfield Park. Her late-season blossoming persisted into her Breeders Crown elimination, in which she pulled pocket and overhauled 1-9 favorite **TWIN B JOE FRSEH** by a nose with a 1:52 effort.

Jenn Bongiorno trains Zanatta and her brother, Joe Bongiorno, drives. They'd be the first siblings to win in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace and the fourth to win this event and be of the same family. A pair of father-son teams have won – father Billy Haughton and son Tommy Haughton in 1984 with Naughty But Nice and father Joe Anderson and son Ryan Anderson in 2000 with Popcorn Penny. The husband-wife team of trainer Linda Wallis and driver Kevin Wallis also won in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace in 2003 with Burning Point. Bongiorno also sends finalist **BEACH COWGIRL**.

Zanatta was bred by AM Bloodstock, Inc. She is owned by One Legend Stable Inc.

Trainer Jenn Bongiorno (after winning the elimination): I don't think [the win] surprised me. I have absolute faith in this filly. She is amazing. I was just really proud of her she could hunt her down tonight. She has been my favorite the whole time training down as a baby. Last year she won the Three Diamonds and it was amazing. This is a huge feat for her.

I hope we are back here (in the winner's circle) next week. That would top everything but right now I'm a really happy girl.



PP5- Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki-Shyway-Artiscape)

The reigning divisional champion in both the US and Canada, Sylvia Hanover tries for a Breeders Crown double only accomplished five times. Winner of the 2022 2-Year-Old Filly Pace, she'll try to join the ranks of Town Pro (1989), Miss Easy (1990), Immortality (1992), My Little Dragon (2005) and Warrawee Ubeaut (2018) as a filly to win the 2-Year-Old Filly Pace and 3-Year-Old Filly Pace in back-to-back years. She will also try to become the seventh pacing filly to parlay a Dan Patch title at 2 into a Breeders Crown win at 3, as well as the eighth pacing filly to win an O'Brien Award at 2 and then the Breeders Crown at 3. Warrawee Ubeaut was the last Dan Patch winner to land the double in 2018-2019 and Percy Bluechip was the last O'Brien winner to win in 2017-2018. Only two fillies have won both a Dan Patch and O'Brien Award as well as a Breeders Crown – Town Pro (1989) and A And Gs Confusion (2007). Sylvia Hanover will try to become the third.

Speaking of third, Sylvia Hanover has never finished third. In fact, she's only finished out of the money one time in 20 starts and that was when she broke stride around the last turn of the \$250,000 James Lynch Memorial and finished eighth (behind **TWIN B JOE FRESH**). As a 2-year-old, she won the \$59,030 Whenuwishuponastar final, a \$90,206 Eternal Camnation division, a \$128,744 Champlain division and the \$388,500 She's A Great Lady before sealing her championship campaign with a 1:51.1 win at 1-2 odds in the Breeders Crown.

As a 3-year-old, Sylvia Hanover has won the \$319,200 Fan Hanover, the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee, \$100,000 Shady Daisy, an \$80,000 Bluegrass division and a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division. But at odds of 1-5, Sylvia Hanover came from off the speed with a :25.4 final quarter to only manage second in a 1:51.2 mile in her Breeders Crown elimination (behind **STRONG POISON**).

Trainer Mark Steacy tries for his first victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. He'll make his fourth appearance in the event after last making the final in 2017 with Obvious Blue Chip, who finished eighth. With three Breeders Crown titles on his resume, the closest he came to victory in this event was in 2007 with a fourth-place finish by Hana Hanover, who two years later won in the Open Mare Pace. Steacy also trains finalist **FRONT PAGE STORY**.

Driver Bob McClure makes his first appearance in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. He has two Breeders Crown wins, one with Sylvia Hanover in 2022 and the other in the 2020 2-Year-Old Colt and Gelding Trot with On A Streak.

Sylvia Hanover was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and races for owner Hudson Standardbred Inc.

Trainer Shawn Steacy: She raced really good. It was a similar trip to what she typically goes, it's just the fractions weren't on her side. I think she put in as good an effort as she ever does, just mathematically it wasn't the spot to be turning for home. We just collect ourselves and come back next week, but I think we're coming into it good. I think she has as good a shot as ever. All great horses get beat, it doesn't matter who you are. That's horse racing. I think she'll be fine.



PP6- Charleston (Downbytheseaside-Western Montana-Western Hanover)

Finishing second in the 2022 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**), Charleston returns for the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace final.

Through her freshman season, Charleston emerged as the main competitor to **SYLVIA HANOVER**. She shipped north from wins in the Kindergarten Series to win in her elimination of the She's A Great Lady before finishing second by three-quarter lengths in the \$388,500 final (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**). Charleston then won her Breeders Crown elimination before again finishing runner-up in the Breeders Crown final. She wrapped the campaign getting foiled as the 1-5 favorite in the \$238,810 Kindergarten Series final by a neck in 1:50.2 at The Meadowlands.

Charleston's 3-year-old campaign has been one of cashing checks. She has only won two times this season: one came in the \$100,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final at Oak Grove in a track record 1:49.4 and the other came in a 1:51 mile in a \$32,100 Tompkins-Geers division at The Meadowlands. She has finished second in the \$250,000 James Lynch Memorial (to **TWIN B JOE FRESH**) and in the \$319,200 Fan Hanover (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**) and she has finished third in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final (to **TWIN B JOE FRESH**) and in her Breeders Crown elimination (to **STRONG POISON**).

Trainer Brett Pelling will try for his third victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, which would tie him for most wins in the event with Ron Burke (2014, 2018, 2019) and Bob McIntosh (1992, 1993, 2005). Pelling won the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace with Mystical Maddy (1996) and 25 years later with Test Of Faith (2021), which was his most recent appearance in the event.

Driver Tim Tetrick tries for his fourth win in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, which would tie him for most wins in the event with John Campbell (1989, 1991, 1992, 1993). Tetrick drove Sweet Kisses in last year's 3-Year-Old Filly Pace to a seventh-place finish in a dead heat for trainer Ron Burke.

Charleston is a homebred for Diamond Creek Farm LLC competing for its Diamond Creek Racing.

Driver Tim Tetrick: [Paced the night's fastest last quarter, :25.1] I was very happy with her effort. We got away back, it was a slow half, and she only got beat three [lengths]. She raced really good.

She's just easy to drive. She's not the biggest and strongest, but she's so kind. If you give her a trip, she's going to pass horses.



PP7- Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe-Fresh Breeze-Captaintreacherous)

Trainer Chris Ryder opted to skip the 2022 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace when shutting down Twin B Joe Fresh for the season after a 1:50 victory in a \$126,500 International Stallion Stake division. The win wrapped a freshman season where she finished no worse than second from 10 starts and banked nearly \$600,000 including victories in the New York Sires Stakes and Kentucky Sires Stakes finals.

She returned as a sophomore in June and won in her second start of the season, an elimination for the Fan Hanover. Twin B Joe Fresh's first matchup with 2022 Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Pace winner **SYLVIA HANOVER** came in the \$319,200 final, where she finished third to the 2022 Dan Patch and O'Brien divisional winner. Twin B Joe Fresh stayed second fiddle with a runner-up finish in the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee before landing her first winning blow on **SYLVIA HANOVER** in the \$250,000 James Lynch Memorial with a 1:49.4 mile.

Twin B Joe Fresh has not beaten **SYLVIA HANOVER** since the James Lynch Memorial and finished second to her again in a 1:48.2 mile in an \$80,000 Bluegrass division at The Red Mile. Some of Twin B Joe Fresh's other sophomore wins include a 1:51.3 effort in the \$107,000 Empire Breeders Classic at Tioga Downs, a 1:48.4 win in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final and a 1:49.2 score in a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division at The Red Mile. She came into her Breeders Crown elimination as the 1-9 favorite and led for every step until the final step, finishing second by a nose in a 1:52 mile to **ZANATTA**.

Trainer Chris Ryder will try for his third victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, having won Put On A Show (2010) and I Luv The Nitelife (2013). A victory would tie him for most victories in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, a title currently held in a tie between Ron Burke (Sayitall BB, 2014; Percy Bluechip, 2018; Warrawee Ubeaut, 2019) and Bob McIntosh (So Fresh, 1992; Immortality, 1993; Belovedangel, 2005).

Dexter Dunn drives Twin B Joe Fresh. She was bred by Brittany Farms LLC and competes for owners Chris Ryder, Dexter Dunn, Peter Trebotica and Barry Spak.

Trainer Chris Ryder: I wasn't happy with her the other night. She was terrible in detention. She's a little fussy about what stall she's in sometimes, no matter where you go. She was fidgety. No matter what we did, we couldn't get her to settle. Next week, it's 24 hours, so the fact that she comes in and stays over night, I would hope she will just settle down.

She's a good girl. Her record speaks for itself. It's been a good ride.



PP8- Always B Naughty (Always B Miki-Ooh Shesa Badlands-Badlands Hanover)

Unraced as a 2-year-old, Always B Naughty has made 19 starts as a sophomore and only missed the board in four outings.

Her career kicked off on March 6 with a second-place finish at Pocono Downs a week before she broke her maiden at odds of 1-9 in a 1:53.2 mile. She nabbed her first stakes victory in April with a 1:51.1 win in the \$40,000 Standardbred Retirement Foundation Series at The Meadowlands. Competing on the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes circuit, she struck her first Grand Circuit win in July with a 1:50 effort in the \$114,770 Adioo Volo at The Meadows. She has since racked up checks with a fourth-place finish in the \$400,000 Kentucky Sires Stakes final (to **TWIN B JOE FRESH**) and a third-place finish in a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**). She kicked home in :25.3 off a pylon trip in her Breeders Crown elimination to finish third in a 1:52 mile (to **ZANATTA**).

Trainer Nancy Takter tries for her third win in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, having won with Peaky Sneaky (2020) in a stakes-record 1:49 over the Harrah's Hoosier Park oval and with Treacherous Dragon (2022). A third win would tie Nancy Takter for most wins in the event with Ron Burke (2014, 2018, 2019) and Bob McIntosh (1992, 1993, 2005). She would also become just the third trainer to win the event in back-to-back years, also joining Burke and McIntosh.

Driver Andy McCarthy tries for his first win in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. He finished 11th in the 2022 edition driving Queen Of Success for trainer Tony Alagna. He came close to winning the event in 2019 driving Tall Drink Hanover to a second-place finish and also teamed with Nancy Takter years prior to finish third in the 2018 edition with Dance Blue.

Always B Naughty was bred by Steve Stewart, Conquest Acres LP and Oakwood Farms. She competes for owners Let It Ride Stables, J L Benson Stables, RBH Ventures Inc. and Nancy Takter.

Trainer Nancy Takter: She raced very good. Andrew [McCarthy] was very happy with her. In hindsight, I wish he would have been a little bit more aggressive with her, but it was a good elimination race for her. She's a very honest quick filly and I think she will really like the long stretch. If she can sit close, I think she will give it a good effort next week.

She was really immature, very growthy, last year. Just growing pains. I did train her once at the farm and she came the back half in :56 and showed ability. I turned her out after that. She got turned out in like July. She came back in November, so had a long winter conditioning. We started racing her pretty early [this year] because she never raced before.

She comes :26, :25 quarters at the end of her miles all the time now. I'm very happy with her. If she sits close, she's dangerous. Andrew has driven her three times now, so he's getting used to her and getting to know her. I think that will work for her benefit.



PP9- McSeaside (Downbytheseaside-McGibson-McArdle)

A champion on the Ohio Sires Stakes circuit as a freshman, McSeaside made her first Grand Circuit foray following her 1:53.4 victory last year in the \$300,000 Ohio Sires Stakes final. She won a \$126,500 division of International Stallion Stakes in 1:51.2 before shipping north for the Breeders Crown, finishing second in the elimination and then ninth in the \$600,000 final (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**).

McSeaside returned in April for her sophomore season with a 1:51.4 win in the \$50,000 James Hackett Memorial at Miami Valley Raceway. She stayed on the Ohio Sires Stakes circuit through most of the season while taking stabs at select Grand Circuit contests, missing the Fan Hanover final with a sixth-place finish in her elimination and later finishing third at Harrah's Hoosier Park in the \$115,000 Nadia Lobell (to **STRONG POISON**). Her lone Grand Circuit win on the year came at The Red Mile in a \$79,000 Bluegrass division in which she paced a 1:48.4 mile. She then finished fourth the following week in a \$115,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial division (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**) and finished fourth in her Breeders Crown elimination (to **ZANATTA**).

Trainer Ron Burke sits tied for most victories in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace at three wins with Bob McIntosh (1992, 1993, 2005). Burke started four fillies in the 2022 edition of this race, missing the board with all four. This year, Burke arrives with two – his other being finalist **STRONG POISON**.

Driver David Miller tries for his fourth win in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace, which would tie him for most wins in the event with John Campbell (1989, 1991, 1992, 1993). Miller won first with A And G's Confusion (2008) and then with Divine Caroline (2015) and Test Of Faith (2021), which was his most recent drive in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace.

McSeaside was bred by Andray Farm & Sergent Stables LLC. She competes for owners Burke Racing Stable, Beasty LLC, J&T Silva Stables and Knox Services.

Trainer Ron Burke: She wasn't that good. She was an average fourth. We scoped her and she had a little bit of mucous, so we'll try to treat her up and get her better.



PP10- Front Page Story (Captaintreacherous-Wenditions-Rocknroll Hanover)

Front Page Story went winless as a 2-year-old from eight starts. She debuted in August of last year with a second-place finish in an overnight event and then stepped onto the Grand Circuit with a fourth-place effort in a \$90,976 Eternal Camnation division. Her other Grand Circuit appearances came with a sixth-place finish in the \$388,500 She's A Great Lady final (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**), a fifth-place finish in a \$126,500 International Stallion Stakes division (to **MCSEASIDE**) and a sixth-place finish in her 2022 Breeders Crown elimination (to **CHARLESTON**).

Returning as a sophomore in May, Front Page Story left the maiden ranks in her third try of the season with a 1:51.3 romp by 7-1/4 lengths at Woodbine Mohawk Park. She immediately stepped into the Fan Hanover, but missed the final with a seventh-place finish in her elimination (to **TWIN B JOE FRESH**). Her only victory along the Grand Circuit came at Pocono Downs on Aug. 19 with a 1:50.2 effort in the \$125,000 James Lynch Consolation I. Nonetheless, she stuck to the pulse of stakes action and finished fifth in the \$169,000 Mistletoe Shalee (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**), second in a \$32,100 Tompkins-Geers division (to **CHARLESTON**), fourth in the \$100,000 Shady Daisy (to **SYLVIA HANOVER**) and fourth in a \$79,000 Bluegrass division (to **MCSEASIDE**). Front Page Story kicked home in :25.3 to grab the last qualifying spot with a fifth-place finish in her Breeders Crown elimination (to **ZANATTA**).

Trainer Mark Steacy tries for his first victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace. He'll make his fourth appearance in the event after last making the final in 2017 with Obvious Blue Chip, who finished eighth. With three Breeders Crown titles on his resume, the closest he came to victory in this event was in 2007 with a fourth-place finish by Hana Hanover, who two years later won in the Open Mare Pace. Steacy also trains finalist **SYLVIA HANOVER**.

Driver James MacDonald tries for his first victory in the 3-Year-Old Filly Pace and his first Breeders Crown win. MacDonald drove Prohibition Legal for trainer Nick Gallucci in the 2022 3-Year-Old Filly Pace to a fifth-place finish (behind Treacherous Dragon).

Trainer Shawn Steacy: She raced really good. It was just the way the trip worked out, but she fired home really good. She's been able to go with them all year, she just hasn't been able to beat them. She's a player for a check in the final. She just needs to have a little bit of stuff go her way.

