



# \$331,500 Breeders Crown

## Mare Pace

<b>Darlin's Delight</b>	
<b>Breeding</b>	5, b, m, Bettor's Delight – Town Pro – Big Towner
<b>Breeder</b>	White Birch Farm, NJ
<b>Owner</b>	White Birch Farm, NJ
<b>Sales Info</b>	Homebred
<b>Trainer</b>	Jeff Stafford, Bordentown, N.J.
<b>Driver</b>	Yannick Gingras

Year	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	US Earnings	Mark
2008	12	2	4	3	\$314,592	1:49.2 M
2007	13	3	4	2	\$399,030	1:49.1 M
2006	15	10	3	1	\$940,352	1:50.1 PcD
2005	14	9	5	0	\$560,404	1:53.3 Wdb
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$2,214,378</b>	<b>1:49.1 M</b>

<b>Stakes Summary</b>					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
08/22/2008	\$42,572	Breeders Crown Elim	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:49.4	Moh
08/15/2008	\$123,00	Artiscape	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:49.4	VD
08/02/2008	\$32,000	Golden Girls Stake	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:49.2	M
06/13/2008	\$250,000	Lady Liberty Stake	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:51.0	M
05/23/2008	\$40,000	Condition	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:51.1	M
04/27/2008	\$250,000	Betsy Ross Final	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:50.2	Chst

<b>Breeders Crown History</b>					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
09/01/07	\$363,000	Breeders Crown Final	5	1:52.1	Moh
08/24/07	\$37,500	Breeders Crown Elim	2	1:51.1	Moh
10/28/06	\$500,000	Breeders Crown Final	2	1:52.4	Wdb
11/24/05	\$500,000	Breeders Crown Final	2	1:52.3	M
11/19/05	\$25,000	Breeders Crown Prep	2	1:524	M

### Quotes & Notes

- **Darlin's Delight** finished a smart second in her Breeders Crown elimination for driver Yannick Gingras and trainer Jeff Stafford. The 5-year-old daughter of Bettor's Delight—Town Pro—Big Towner is a winner of \$2,214,378 for owners the White Birch Farm of New Jersey, and will be making her fourth appearance in Crown competition on Saturday night at Mohawk.
- **Yannick Gingras** said he was pleased with the way Darlin's Delight finished her mile in her Breeders Crown elim. "We just wanted to give her a shot and race her as easy as possible so we had a choice to pick our post for the final," he noted. "We tried to squeeze up the inside but there wasn't quite enough room. I was pretty happy with how she raced."
- At 2 and 3 she finished in the bridesmaid role on both occasions to the winning My Little Dragon, competing both years—2005 and 2006—for \$500,000 in the freshman



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and sophomore filly divisions. Last year, at 4, Darlin's Delight finished fifth to Moving Pictures in the \$363,000 Breeders Crown Open Mare Pace.

- Trainer Jeff Stafford said all is well with the laid-back filly after her Breeders Crown elimination. "She seems good and is acting normal, which for her, is being in laid-back mode," he said. "She's laid back every day and doesn't get too over enthused about anything."
- According to Stafford, Darlin's Delight doesn't require a lot of training and instead prefers to jog and take her time during her morning exercises. "She gets a lot of jog miles," he explained. "We might train her light—a very slow mile to get her muscles warm...usually we don't train her when she's racing every week. Sometimes I let her walk for three or more miles and then I'll jog her. She's been on this same routine for basically all of her life. She's very laid back and once she gets under the lights she's all business. She'll look at things jogging, just playing around, she's always feeling good. Warming up and training she always goes free legged. When she goes to the paddock she knows that it's time to go to work. I can send her out with a 3-year-old kid and she'd be perfect, she's that reliable."
- **White Birch Farm** is a 1,000 acre Standardbred breeding facility in New Jersey owned and operated by Joe Parisi and his family—who also own Parisi & Son Construction. Parisi has been involved in racing for over 50 years, as he first fell in love with harness racing when spending his summers near Goshen, N.Y, and convinced his father to buy their first horse for \$1,500. Parisi owned 1997 Meadowlands Pace winner Hot Lead, known throughout the industry as the "Iron Horse." Parisi and his family are also involved in the thoroughbred industry and had won the 1973 Jim Dandy Stakes with Cheripe. My Little Dragon was also bred by White Birch Farm.

Owner Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
White Birch Farm	8	11	11		\$307,929	6- 0- 2- 0
Breeder	24	35	28	1 (2)	\$1,713,353	24- 2-6- 3

- **Jeff Stafford**, has been training horses since 1991 and has never had more success than he's garnered with his outstanding filly pacer Darlin's Delight. He had his best season ever in 2006 with \$1,147,429 in earnings and a 29-23-21 record from 156 starters.
- Stafford maintains a stable of 14 horses at White Birch Farm, and is stabling at Mohawk for the Breeders Crown festivities. "We're at Mohawk this time," he revealed. "Usually, we stable at a farm, but most of them have been full this summer. We've got a friend with a farm with paddocks close by so we give Darlin's Delight a lot of paddock time."

Stable Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Stafford, Jeff	2	4	4		\$277,525	3-0-2-0