



# \$600,000 Breeders Crown Trot

Digital Image	
<b>Breeding</b>	b,g,5 by Balanced Image – Appleby Dreambelle – Dream Of Glory
<b>Breeder(s)</b>	Richard Thompson, London, ON, Robert Watson, London, ON, Mike Bartram, Ingersoll, ON, John Vinen, London, ON
<b>Owner(s)</b>	Richard Thompson, Robert Watson, Mike Bartram, OH
<b>Sales Info</b>	Homebred
<b>Trainer</b>	Geoffrey W Maltby
<b>Driver</b>	Ronald D Pierce

Year	Starts	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Earnings	Mark
2008	10	3	4	0	\$80,271	1:54 Moh
2007	31	12	5	5	\$206,826	1:53.2 Wdb
2006	5	0	1	0	\$5,148	
Lifetime	46	15	8	5	\$292,245	4,1:53.3 Wdb

Stakes Summary					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
8/23/08	\$47893	Breeder Crown Elim	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:52.2	Moh
8/18/08	\$25,380	Preferred Trot	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:55.0	Moh
8/11/08	\$27,260	Preferred Trot	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:54.4	Moh
5/12/08	\$47,000	Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:55.1	Moh

## Quotes & Notes

- Digital Image finished second in his Breeders Crown elimination to the winning Enough Talk. Unraced at 2 and lightly raced at 3, this hard knocking trotter has plied his wares on Canadian ovals after morphing into a top competitor at 4, racing in open and high conditioned classes the last two seasons.
- Digital Image is a son of Balanced Image, a sire known for offspring who improve with age, out of a Dream Of Glory mare, also with the reputation of producing trotters with longevity. With that in mind, he was lightly raced as a two-year-old, then gelded and turned out to mature.
- "We are real proud of him and thought all along that he belonged with the top horses in North America," said co-owner Robert Watson. "We had taken him to Chester to race and he came up sick there and it affected him for the next several starts. Geoff (trainer Maltby) was able to get him back healthy. With the right trip, we think he could be right there in the final."
- The quartet of Digital Image's owners all hail from Ontario. **Robert Watson** is the General Manager of the Bradford Group, London, ON, a company that specializes in limited edition collectables. **John Vinen** owns London Mechanical, an auto plate racking manufacturer. **Rich Thompson** is a recently-retired owner of a computer software business. **Mike Bertram** works at Ingersoll Box and Paper.
- "We're very excited to be in the Breeders Crown," Watson noted. "This is a dream come true—to breed and own a horse of this caliber after 30 years in the business."
- Geoff Maltby**, 39, of Acton, ON, has been training Standardbreds since the early 1990s and has conditioned 130 winners to \$2,307,152 in earnings. 2007 was his best year to date, as his 22 winners amassed \$365,893 from 98 starters. Digital Image is his first Breeders Crown entrant.
- Digital Image is from one of the final crops of leading Canadian sire Balanced Image. The Hall of Fame stallion has produced progeny with earnings in excess of \$104 million. Balanced Image is third in the Crown trotting stallion rankings with eight champions and more than \$4.3 million in Crown earnings.