



\$250,000 Breeders Crown

Mare Trot

Godiva Hall	
Breeding	4, b, m, by Like a Prayer – Gwyneth Hall – Malabar Man
Breeder(s)	Walnut Hall Limited, Lexington, KY
Owner(s)	Irving G Liverman, Hampstead, PQ, CA
Sales Info	\$285,000 2007 Harrisburg Mixed Sale, \$30,000 2005 Walnut Hall Sale
Trainer	Trond Smedshammer
Driver	Andy Ray Miller

Year	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Mark
2008	8	2	2	0	\$191,796	1:53.3 TgDn
2007	13	4	3	1	\$323,357	1:54.4f DD
2006	11	8	1	0	\$243,480	1:56.2m M
Lifetime	32	14	6	1	\$758,633	1:53.3 TgDn

Stakes Summary					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
7/26/08	\$250,000	Classic Oaks Final	1 st	2:00.4	M
7/19/08	\$85,000	Classic Oaks Leg	2 nd	1:52.3	M
7/12/08	\$105,000	Matchmaker Final	2 nd	1:53.3	M
6/14/08	\$25,000	Miss Versatility	1 st	1:53.3	TgDn

PREVIOUS BREEDERS CROWN STARTS					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
11/17/2007	\$25,000	Breeders Crown Elim	8/40T	2:02.3	M

Quotes & Notes

- Godiva Hall is one of three Crown entrants trained by Trond Smedshammer, all of whom opted for a money-earnings bye and skipped the elimination round. Smedshammer reported on Godiva Hall by phone from his home base in New Jersey. "She didn't race very well at Vernon Downs her last time out. Sometimes, she just doesn't feel like doing it. If they don't want to do it, you can't make them. Who knows? She showed before she can beat them on a good day. Both horses [along with Smedshammer-trainee Falls For You] are healthy and feeling good. Both are going up there to win it, although only one can".
- Over the past five years the "American Viking" Trond Smedshammer has become the go-to-guy when it comes to training trotters. He trained and drove 2004 Hambletonian winner Windsong's Legacy to the first Triple Crown title in 32 years. Smedshammer feels his strength lies in developing and conditioning sophomore and older trotters, and certainly his trophy case bears that out. Only six of his 26 Crown starts have been two-year-olds. He uses diverse training methods, such as a sand pit, interval training and stretching of the horses legs before and after workouts, to prepare his trotters for the rigors of racing.

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- Smedshammer won the open trot Breeders Crown division with HP Paque in 2003 and Sand Vic in 2006. He has won the 3-year-old filly trot Crown three straight years, with Stroke Play [2003], Housethatruthbuilt [2004] and Blur [2005], and the sophomore male Crown division with Strong Yankee [2005 and Arch Madness [2007]. He ranks sixth in earnings [\$2,788,467] in the Crown trainer standings and fourth in trophies with seven.

Stable Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Smedshammer, Trond	26	35	27	7	\$2,788,467	23-7-1-3

- Irving Liverman, who lives in Montreal, has just turned 80 and while he still carries a strong interest in and affinity for the breeding side of the business, he is more keen on watching them race. At this stage in his life he isn't as involved in the day-to-day breeding aspects but remains a staunch fan. He doesn't even look at money won or anything like that. He doesn't really care about that. It's the racing he loves."
- Montreal businessman Irving Liverman ventured into the sport of standardbred racing with a modest investment of \$6,500. During the next three decades he became one of the most prominent owner/ breeders in North America. This accolade is earned when you examine Liverman's stable resume - Silent Majority, Handle With Care, Muscles Yankee, Windshield Wiper, Laughs, Britelite Lobell, Feel The Motion, Time Well Spent, Chasing Tail and Kadabra. The trophy case at his residence in Hampstead, Que., overflows with the spoils of a steady parade of the exquisite performers that have won almost every coveted stakes event - The Hambletonian, Meadowlands Pace, Breeders Crown, Messenger, the Kentucky Futurity, World Trotting Derby and Jugette.
- Liverman's two Breeders Crown winners are Muscles Yankee [1998] and Beloved Angel [2005].
- In 2002 Irving Liverman was elected to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in the Builder's category.

Owner Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Liverman, Irving	22	31	25	2	\$1,274,272	23-2-1-3

- Leavitt and wife Meg have elevated the Walnut Hall legacy to new heights producing many champions with the surname "Hall" - Andover, Cantab, Cash, Cameron and triple Crown winner Blissfull and Hambletonian winner Amigo - to name a few.
- The Walnut Hall Breeders Crown champions are Banker Hall, Broadway Hall, Cameron Hall (2x) and Cantab Hall.

Breeder Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Walnut Hall Limited	48	62	46	4(5)	\$2,566,984	39-5-1-6