



\$331,500 Breeders Crown

Mare Pace

Illusionist	
Breeding	7, b, m by Camluck – Mollie Hanover – Big Towner
Breeder(s)	Fred Drouillard Windsor, On
Owner(s)	David Lumsden Ancaster, Ont
Sales Info	Private
Trainer	Phillip Coleman
Driver	Mark MacDonald

Year	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	US Earnings	Mark
2008	15	3	1	1	\$140,747	1:50.0 Moh
2007	25	10	4	5	\$216,353	1:50.0 Moh
2006	27	8	1	5	\$160,510	1:50.3 Wdb
2005	23	6	4	3	\$118,608	1:52.2 Moh
2004	29	14	4	5	\$213,536	1:53.0 Sar
2003	11	2	3	2	\$14,437	1:58.0 Sar
Lifetime	130	43	17	21	\$864,191	7, 1:50.0 Moh

Stakes Summary					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
08/22/2008	\$42,572	Breeders Crown Elim	5	1:50.3	Moh
08/01/2008	\$42,000	Open	1 st	1:50.0	Moh
07/25/2008	\$42,000	Open	1 st	1:50.4	Moh
06/28/2008	\$112,000	Masters	1 st	1:51.0	Geo

Quotes & Notes

- **Phil Coleman** said he doesn't use any magic tricks to keep Illusionist happy, fat and sassy, he simply lets her have her way—most of the time. The rugged mare has posted 43 victories over her five years of racing.
- "She's a nice mare to be around, and so I let her do her own thing," Coleman, 58, explained. "When we go out for a jog in the morning, I let her take her time getting to the track. Sometimes it takes her 30 minutes to get there. She wants to just walk, take her time, and look around, so I let her do that."
- "This mare doesn't train hard in between races," offered Coleman, father of top WEG circuit conditioner Casie. "At one time we had a problem getting her to keep weight on, but in the last few years she's gotten a bit better at adding weight, so we just work at keeping her relaxed and happy. That seems to help her appetite more than anything else."
- Coleman has been conditioning the mare for the last three years, and said soundness has never been an issue, but that the mare often has to fight off allergy troubles.
- "She can have some real issues with allergies," he noted. "Sometimes they get really bad, and usually that's when we ship in between here and the States. So we have to keep an eye on that, but otherwise, she stays pretty healthy."



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- Illusionist posted a respectable fifth-place finish in her Breeders Crown elimination on Aug. 22 at Mohawk, in rein to driver Mark MacDonald.
- “She was too far back in her elimination and an outside post (nine in the final) isn’t really where anyone wants to be, but she can hold her own against those other mares,” Coleman said. “If somehow we can be within five lengths of the leaders at the ¾’s, then she’ll have a good shot at catching them.”
- Coleman acquired Illusionist when owner **Dave Lumsden** bought out three other partners on the mare and gave her to Coleman to train. This will be Lumsden’s first Breeders Crown starter as well. The mare is stabled at Victory Lane Farm, located five minutes from Flamboro Downs.
- Coleman grew up watching trotters train at Patterson Park from his bedroom window in Vancouver, British Columbia. This will be Coleman’s first entrant in a Breeders Crown. To date he’s trained 428 winners to the tune of \$2,901,901 in career earnings, and also has driven 648 winners to \$1,441,375. In 2006 and 2007 Coleman posted his best years ever, conditioning his charges to earn \$600,000 or more each of those seasons.
- “I’m very excited to be part of the Breeders Crown,” Coleman said “These mares are all terrific athletes, and any one of them could win on any given day. It just depends upon the day.
- Fred Drouillard, of Rockwood, Ontario, also bred the great mare Burning Point p,6,1:49.2m, a winner of \$2,810,194 and two-time Breeders Crown champion at three and four.

Breeder Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Drouillard, Fred	1	4	4	1(2)	\$553,030	4-2-0-1

- Camluck highlighted his racing career by winning the 1991 Breeders Crown Horse Pace at The Meadows at four and was voted the O'Brien Award Older Pacing Horse of the Year. He retired with 26 wins, a time-trial record of 1:48.4, and lifetime earnings of \$1,003,260.
- Camluck then went on to be one of harness racing’s most prolific and successful sires. He was inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame in 2003 and the hallowed U.S. Hall in July of this year. His progeny amassed \$15,486,801 in 2006, making him the richest single-season pacing sire of all time. He sire 1,335 starters with 448 in 1:55 and 29 in 1:50. Their earnings total over \$133 million with 369 \$100,000 earners.
- In the Breeders Crown, Camluck offspring have won more than \$1.5 million and three trophies, all in the distaff category, with two in this division: Burning Point, winner of the 2003 and 2006 Breeders Crown and Molly Can Do It, Mare Pace winner of 2002. He sired Illusionist and Southwind Madonna in this group.