



\$600,000 Breeders Crown Trot

Man About Town	
Breeding	b,g,5 by Self Possessed – Decent Exposure – Royal Prestige
Breeder(s)	Brittany Farms, Versailles, KY
Owner(s)	Donato Polisenno, Hartly, DE
Sales Info	\$50,000 at the 2004 Tattersalls
Trainer	Mark Silva
Driver	Luc Ouellette

Year	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	Mark
2008	8	0	2	0	\$86,760	1:58Q M
2007	16	6	2	2	\$335,258	1:53 Moh
2006	16	2	1	3	\$66,868	1:53.4 M
Lifetime	49	8	7	7	\$544,385	1:53.0 M

Stakes Summary					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
8/23/08	\$45,977	Breeders Crown Elimination	7thp9th	1:53.3	Moh
8/10/08	\$129,955	Frank Ryan Memorial	4 th	1:55.3	RidC
6/28/08	\$200,000	Titan Cup Final	8th	1:55.3	M
6/20/08	\$40,000	Titan Cup Elimination	6 th	1:53.4	M
6/12/08	\$40,000	Open	3rdp2nd	1:53.3	Chst
5/31/08	\$84,957	Classic	11th		Moh
5/25/08	\$250,000	Maxie Lee Final	2 nd	1:52.3	Chst
5/18/08	\$40,000	Maxie Lee Elim	4 th	1:55.1	Chst

Quotes & Notes

- Man About Town went off stride and was seventh, placed ninth in his Breeders Crown elimination, but when Armbro Continental was scratched sick from the final, Man About Town, as the first also eligible, drew in and will start from post 10.
- Man About Town is still searching for his first elusive win of the season. The 5-year-old has amassed over half a million dollars in lifetime earnings for owner Donato "Tony" Polisenno, but has been inconsistent throughout his career.
- "I had a lot of bad luck with him when we first got him," admitted Polisenno, who owns several businesses, including a shopping center building enterprise. "He's a tough horse, tough to handle. He's a Self Possessed, and they have their own ways."
- Man About Town was conditioned throughout his 2- and part of his 3-year-old season by Ron Gurfein, before being purchased by Polisenno from breeder Brittany Farms in August 2006, who wanted a trotter to drive. He did steer Man About Town to a fifth place finish in a heat of the 2006 Kentucky Futurity, but ultimately finished out of the money behind the winning Glidemaster in the Final of that same event. Polisenno did steer Man About Town for many of his starts during the remainder of the season.



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- In the spring of 2007 Polisen0 turned the training over to Mark Silva and Man About Town responded by racking up some impressive performances, including a 1:55.4 victory on July 16 in the \$2674,000 Sully Memorial Final, among others. The colt was timed in 1:55.4, the fastest mile ever trotted in the 50-year history of Monticello Raceway.
- "This horse has been real good to me, and usually when we go for the big money, we've always been fourth or fifth, but that day (at Monticello) we finally got the big one."
- **Mark Silva**, 43, a native of Canoga Park, CA, has been training Standardbreds for three decades and has trained 740 winners to \$14,669,461 in earnings. Now a resident of Little Ferry, New Jersey, Silva conditioned 2005 Pacer Of the Year Boulder Creek to consecutive Brederers Crown victories, in 2004 and 2005. Silva had a career season in 2007, his third \$2 million earning year that saw him score totals of \$2,973,942. He has also earned his keep as a driver, having steered 446 winners of \$1,390,342 from 1981 through 2002.
- Silva grew up in a harness racing family, as his father Bud raced horses in California in addition to owning a trucking company. Bud built a training track around the business property and Mark began jogging horses with his father at the age of seven. He has raced horses at The Big M full-time since 1997 with the help of his wife Tammy, who assists with all of the stable duties.

Trainer Record	Horses	Starters	Events	Champions	Earnings	Sts W-P-S
Mark Silva	5	10	10	1(2)	\$614,695	8- 2- 0- 0

- **Donato Polisen0**, 48, of Hartly, DE has been owning, training and driving horses for nearly 40 years. Though he only drives a handful of times each year, he has amassed 244 career victories and \$885,041 as a driver, and 67 wins and \$892,972 as a trainer.
- Breeder Brittany Farms is second to only Hanover Shoe Farms in Crown breeder standings.

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Brittany Farms	107	143	97	13(17)	\$6,793,065	105-17-9-8