



\$600,000 Breeders Crown Trot

Vivid Photo

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| Breeding | b,g, 6 by S J's Photo – Miss Garland – Garland Lobell |
| Breeder(s) | Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, MD |
| Owner(s) | Roger Hammer, Bedord, PA; Todd Schadel, Gratz, PA |
| Sales Info | \$30,00- Standardbred Horse Sale, 2003 |
| Trainer/Driver | Roger Hammer |

| Year | Starts | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Earnings | Mark | Track |
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| 2008 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | \$47,098 | 1:53 | Chst |
| 2007 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 5 | \$738,769 | 1:50.4 | Cnl |
| 2006 | 21 | 7 | 3 | 2 | \$607,100 | 1:50.2 | Cnl |
| 2005 | 25 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 1,481,020 | 1:51.2 | DuQ |
| 2004 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | \$19,819 | 2:02.2 | Rcr |
| Lifetime | 75 | 35 | 13 | 7 | \$2,893,806 | 1:50.2 | Cnl |

STAKES SUMMARY

| Date | Purse | Race | Fin | Time | Track |
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| 8/23/08 | \$47,893 | Breeders Crown Elim | 5 th | 1:53.2 | Moh |
| 8/14/08 | \$40,000 | Open | 1 st | 1:53 | Chst |
| 8/07/08 | \$40,000 | Open | 3 rd | 1:53.2 | Chst |
| 8/02/02 | \$300,000 | Nat Ray Final | 5 th | 1:51.4 | M |

PREVIOUS BREEDERS CROWN STARTS

| Date | Purse | Stakes | Finish | Time | Track |
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| 09/01/2007 | \$726,000 | Breeders Crown Final | 3/6 | 1:53.1 | Moh |
| 07/29/2006 | \$800,000 | Breeders Crown Final | 2/nk | 1:52.3 | M |
| 11/18/2005 | \$610,000 | Breeders Crown Final | 2/T | 1:54.0 | M |
| 11/11/2005 | \$25,000 | Breeders Crown Elim | 2Q | 1:54.4 | M |

Quotes & Notes

- Vivid Photo raced evenly from the rail position in the lone Crown elim, finishing fifth, beaten 10 3/4 lengths and trotting in 1:53.2.
- "I just hope that he comes out of the race good for next week," said trainer/driver Roger Hammer. "Hopefully he will be a little tighter for next week when he gets to train—I couldn't train him this week, because I had him in at Chester, since I didn't think we would be racing elims here. I had to scratch him from there to bring him here. So next week I will be able to train him a little bit and he will be sharper."
- As far as what post position Hammer would like for the final, the laconic driver stated "Oh, it don't make a difference to me, whatever we get. We will go anywhere 7, 8, 9 or 10." In fact Vivid Photo drew post nine.
- **Hammer, known as the "King of the County Fairs"** for his domination of the Pennsylvania fair circuit, makes his home and trains his stable in Bedford, Pa., as did his father Clay, a respected horseman of both trotters and pacers, before him. Just a few days ago Hammer won eight of 17 races at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Wattsburg, Pa.

- Hammer has spent close to 40 years training and driving Standardbred and rarely brings a horse to a race that he is not prepared to win, regardless of purse size.
- Vivid Photo provided Hammer, 61, his greatest career milestone when he captured the \$1.5 million Hambletonian at the Meadowlands in 2005. The year resulted in a cavalcade of awards for both man and horse as Vivid Photo garnered divisional Dan Patch honors at the end of the year. His dam, Miss Garland won Broodmare of the Year honors and Hammer was voted the 2005 W. R. Haughton Memorial Good Guy Award by members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Vivid Photo won a second Dan Patch in 2007 as older trotter of the year.
- Vivid Photo has continued success at four and five, earning in excess of half a million each year, but has struggled with injury in 2008.
- Vivid Photo, now six, wintered at Hammer's farm, where he has a home for life. Hammer qualified him several times in March and embarked on the sparse stakes schedule available to the veteran trotting classes. Vivid Photo managed just three starts in April before a coffin bone injury sidelined him for the months of May and June. A mid-July qualifier signaled a return to the races, but Vivid Photo has been slow to regain his form, although he trotted in 1:51.4 while finishing fifth in the Nat Ray.
- The coveted Breeders Crown title has eluded Hammer. Vivid Photo was second to Strong Yankee as a sophomore, second to Sand Vic as a four-year-old and third behind Equinox Bi and Corleone Kosmos here last year. The Breeders Crown Trot has only ever been won once by a former Hambo winner -- Mack Lobell in 1988.

| Owner Record | Horses | Starters | Events | Champions | Earnings | Sts W-P-S |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Hammer, Roger | 5 | 8 | 8 | | \$517,870 | 6-0-2-2 |
| Schadel, Todd | 1 | 3 | 3 | | \$445,870 | 3-0-2-1 |

| Stable Record | Horses | Starters | Events | Champions | Earnings | Sts W-P-S |
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| Hammer, Roger | 5 | 8 | 8 | | \$517,870 | 6-0-2-2 |

| Breeder Record | Horses | Starters | Events | Champions | Earnings | Sts W-P-S |
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| Winbak Farms | 23 | 32 | 23 | 4 | \$2,483,319 | 23-4-4-4 |