



# \$500,000 Breeders Crown

## Open Pace

<b>Zooka</b>	
<b>Breeding</b>	6, b, g, by Astreos -- Twin B Keyko by Run The Table
<b>Breeder(s)</b>	Twinbrook Limited, Embro, ON
<b>Owner(s)</b>	Benjamin Wallace, Milton, ON, James Millier, Dorchester, ON
<b>Sales Info</b>	\$24,000 as Twin B Zooka, Canadian Classic Yearling, 2003
<b>Trainer</b>	Ben Wallace
<b>Driver</b>	Mario Baillargeon

Year	Starts	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	US. Earnings	Mark
2008	24	3	4	5	\$182,308	1:50.1 Wdb
2007	35	10	5	7	\$336,145	1:49.3 Kd
2006	29	5	5	7	\$128,643	1:50.3 Moh
2005	24	2	7	5	\$221,101	1:51.2 Wr
2004	12	3	3	2	\$201,604	1:55.1 Flm
<b>Lifetime</b>	124	23	24	26	\$1,069,801	1:49.3 Kd

<b>Stakes Summary</b>					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
08/16/2008	\$702,000	Canadian Pacing Derby Final	5/3	1:50.3	Moh
08/09/2008	\$50,000	Canadian Pacing Derby Elim	2/2T	1:50.4	Moh
06/28/2008	\$122,000	Ontario Masters	2/2Q	1:50.2	GeoD F
06/10/2008	\$20,000	Ontario Masters	5/3T	1:51.3	GeoD F
05/30/2008	\$280,000	Molson Final	6/5	1:52.1	Lon
05/23/2008	\$25,000	Molson Elim	1/T	1:53	Lon
04/19/2008	\$45,000	Open	1/T	1:50.2	GeoD

<b>PREVIOUS BREEDERS CROWN STARTS</b>					
Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
09/01/2007	\$540,000	Breeders Crown Final	3/1T	1:49.4	Moh

### Quotes & Notes

Zooka has been a consistent money-earner for trainer/co-owner Ben Wallace.

"He seems to be the type of horse that picks up scraps now and again," Wallace said. "He's never hit a big home run, but he's always been around for me and I love the animal. He's one of those horses that's paid for a lot of mistakes. It's very difficult for me to be down on him."

On Saturday, Zooka, who was third in last year's Breeders Crown Pace, will start from post three.

"It all comes down to what kind of trip he gets," Wallace said. "He's drawn good and he won't go away. If he gets any kind of journey, he'll get good money for us. He's been a very unlucky horse, too. Quite a few occasions he's drawn bad or maybe didn't get the right kind of trip. Hopefully we'll be in the race early and you never know what happens."

Zooka's nickname is "The Giraffe."

"He's a lanky horse and just keeps plodding around, Wallace said. "But he's got the heart of a lion. He won't go away. He's just a good horse."

Last year, Zooka became the fastest free-legged pacer of all time with a 1:49.3 win at Kawartha Downs.

There have been two free-legged Breeders Crown winners. Masquerade won the 1986 3-year-old colt pace and Pacific won the 1987 3-year-old filly pace.

“He has been free-legged since he was a 3-year-old,” Wallace said. “I trained him one day and he was fine and, knock on wood, it’s never been a problem since.”

Wallace, a Bill Wellwood understudy, went out on his own and met with success on the Ontario circuit and was named OJC Trainer of the Year in 1996. The year 1999 was a pivotal one for Wallace as he was catapulted to the upper echelon of the sport thanks to a 3-year-old pacing colt named Blissfull Hall. The son of Cambest notched 15 victories in 23 trips to the post, with earnings of \$1.3 million. Blissfull Hall became just the ninth pacer in the history of the sport to win the Triple Crown, and though he was unable to win his Crown event against Grinfromeartoear, he was voted Horse of the Year in Canada, Pacer of the Year in the Dan Patch Award balloting, and Wallace was rewarded with an O’Brien Award as Canada’s Trainer of the Year.

Wallace built on his success and was represented in the Breeders Crown over the years by such standouts as Armbro Rosebud and Armbro Terrace, Yankee Fribble and Camotion. He won two Crown trophies in upset fashion. In 2002 freshman colt pacer and 20-1 shot Totally Western upended the heavy favorite Allamerican Native at Woodbine. The next year, Pans Culottes rushed by undefeated Kikikatie in their Crown event, the 2003 2-year-old filly pace. Wallace watched the winner circle presentation from the track as he warmed up Pronger, his entrant in a later Crown race.

<b>Stable Record</b>	<b>Horses</b>	<b>Starters</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Sts W-P-S</b>
Wallace Stb	19	21	20	2	\$1,231,745	15-2-2-4

Co-owner James Millier owns the popular training center Classy Lane Stables located in Puslinch, Ontario, with his wife, Barb. Millier, a 53-year-old Dorchester, Ontario, landscape excavator and his two partners have created what has become one of the most talked about facilities in not just Canada but the U.S. as well. A racing enthusiast for a number of years, Millier had an Ontario Sires Stakes Gold division winner in Catch This Bunny.

<b>Owner Record</b>	<b>Horses</b>	<b>Starters</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Sts W-P-S</b>
Ben Wallace	5	5	5	1	\$376,050	4-1-0-1
James Millier	1	1	1		\$60,000	3-0-0-1

<b>Breeder Record</b>	<b>Horses</b>	<b>Starters</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Sts W-P-S</b>
Twinbrook Farms	3	3	3		\$155,066	3-0-0-1

<b>Driver Record</b>	<b>Horses</b>	<b>Starters</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Sts W-P-S</b>
Mario Baillargeon	18	18	17	1	\$474,645	7-1-0-1