



\$331,500 Breeders Crown

Mare Pace

To Helen Back

Breeding	5, b, m by Astreos – Rocket Science – Pacific Rocket
Breeder(s)	Kelly Grewsmuehl Strathroy, ON
Owner(s)	Mike Shunock & Anne Schunock Dorchester, ON
Sales Info	\$27,000 Canadian Classic 2004
Trainer	John Pentland
Driver	Mike Saftic

Year	Starts	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	US Earnings	Mark
2008	11	2	2	3	\$86,257	1:49.4 Moh
2007	25	4	6	8	\$271,391	1:50.0 M
2006	13	5	4	1	\$147,393	1:49.4 Wdb
2005	10	5	1	1	\$150,055	1:53.0 Moh
Lifetime	59	16	13	13	\$655,096	3, 1:49.4 Wdb

Stakes Summary

Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
08/22/2008	\$42,572	Breeders Crown Elim	6 th	1:50.4	Moh
08/15/2008	\$42,000	Open	3 rd	1:51.2	Moh
8/01/2008	\$42,000	Open	2 nd	1:50.0	Moh
6/28/2008	\$112,000	Masters	2 nd	1:51.0	Geo
06/17/2008	\$20,000	Masters	1 st	1:53.2	Geo

PREVIOUS BREEDERS CROWN STARTS

Date	Purse	Stakes	Finish	Time	Track
08/24/2007	\$37,500	Breeders Crown Elim	6/3Q	1:51.4	Moh

Quotes & Notes

- To Helen Back comes into the Breeders Crown Open Mare pace after finishing sixth in her elimination. That doesn't have her trainer, John Pentland, worried however.
- "She came out of the race great, and will train lightly on Wednesday and should be ready for the final," Pentland reported. "She'll get some time out in the field—nothing out of the norm for her."
- To Helen Back was saddled with the nine-hole in her elimination, and closed well, clocked in 1:50.4 for driver Mike Saftic, who will be in the sulky for the Final.
- "She raced real good and strong that night," noted Saftic. "We drew inside for the final, and I think she's a solid contender for a check. She'll need to get into a better position early, and the post (four) will certainly help."



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- "I leave the driving up to Mike and just cross my fingers," laughed Pentland. "This mare is pleasant, but can get a little testy now and then. She's not a pet, but kind of a workman-like mare. She doesn't cause any problems, and is not a hard keeper. She'll kick a little once in a while, and her front end is fine, but you'll want to be careful when working around her hind end."
- "This mare is very simple to train, and doesn't need a lot of training," Pentland added. "She's a mare you can race eight weeks in a row and will race well the whole two-month period as long as you lay off training her hard. I wish I could say that I had made her a great horse, but she's done that on her own."
- **John Pentland**, 45, has 24 horses stabled at Dorchester Downs (near London, Ontario) training facility in Dorchester, Ontario. This is the first Breeders Crown starter for the London, Ontario native, who has been training Standardbreds since 1994. To date he has amassed \$3,608,648 from 169 career winners. Pentland scored his best season in 2006, when he conditioned 113 starters to \$989,394 in seasonal earnings. In 2007 he racked up totals of \$864,575 from 126 starters.
- **Mike and Anne Shunock**, of Dorchester, Ontario have their first Breeders Crown starter in To Helen Back. They began owning Standardbreds in the 1970s and continue to be active on the WEG scene as owners and breeders.
- **Kelly Grewsmuehl**, of Appin, Ontario has her first Breeders Crown entrant in To Helen Back and has been breeding and owning harness horses for the past two decades.