

Babes Dig Me

Bay Colt 3, by Somebeachsomewhere – Western Babe – Western Hanover



OWNERS: Brad Grant, ON; Joe Sbrocco, Brecksville, OH; R.J. Leblanc, Austin, TX;
In the Gym Partners [John Fodera, Steven Wienick], Staten Island, NY
BREEDER: Rejean Lassonde, QC, CA
SALE: \$100,000 Lexington Selected Sale
TRAINER: Tony Alagna **DRIVER:** Brett Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	8	1	2	2	\$86,211	Q 1:52.3 M
2017	8	1	2	1	\$39,236	1:52.4 Moh
LIFETIME	16	2	4	3	\$125,447	Q 1:52.3 M

- Babes Dig Me finished fifth at 30-1 to advance to the Pace Final.
- Babes Dig Me came into his Pace elimination with one win this season, an easy 1:53.4 romp at the Big M on May 12 in a division of the Escort Series. He was also third in the \$300,000 Art Rooney Final at Yonkers on May 26 and second to Courtly Choice in the North America Cup consolation.
- Tony Alagna, 45, added to his reputation for developing major young stars in 2017 by pulling a Breeders Crown upset with Stay Hungry, and the two-year old son of Somebeachsomewhere finished a close second in the Governor's Cup. Alagna's late-blooming American History finished third in that event in only his fifth lifetime start. That son of American Ideal posted the fastest mile of 2018 with a 1:47 win on June 29, and finished second in the fastest elimination. Alagna campaigned two-time O'Brien Award winner Caprice Hill and may have a 2018 Hambletonian prospect in Missile Hill. The Alagna Stable passed the \$3 million mark for the seventh consecutive season.
- Alagna sent five starters into the Pace eliminations. Babes Dig Me made the final along with elimination winner Stay Hungry and American History. Alagna won his Meadowlands Pace debut in 2013 with two-time Pacer of the Year Captaintreacherous. In his previous starts, Wake Up Peter finished seventh, Revenge Shark finished fifth, Artspeak finished sixth and Racing Hill finished second with Brett Miller driving in 2016. That son of Pace champion Roll With Joe gave Alagna his 1,000th training win with a Breeders Crown stakes record of 1:48.
- His super sire the late Somebeachsomewhere suffered his only career loss in 21 starts in the 2008 Pace when he was upset by Art Official in a world record 1:47. From his first crop, he sired 2013 Pace winner and Tony Alagna trainee Captaintreacherous, whose own first crop have been outstanding this season. He sired the one-two finishers in last year's Pace, Huntsville and Downbytheseaside. He sent out seven of the 15 in last week's eliminations and five advanced to the final, including elimination winner Stay Hungry.
- The dam of Babes Dig Me is a half sister to Total Truth, 1:48.3 [\$2,022,443], who finished eight in the 2006 Pace after winning the North America Cup.
- Brett Miller, 44, won his first Meadowlands driving title with 113 wins and \$1.6 million during the 2016-17 meet and currently stands fourth. Miller passed the \$5 million mark for the seventh time in eight seasons in 2017 and just passed the \$80 million mark. He won the 2017 Breeders Crown Open Pace with Split The House in 1:48.1. Miller is looking for his first Pace win in five finals. He was second with Racing Hill in 2016.