

Courtly Choice

Bay Colt 3, by Art Major – Lady Ashlee Anne – Camtastic



OWNERS: Hutt Racing Stable, Paoli, PA, Mac & Heim Stables, Cambridge, ON
Daniel Plouffe, QC, Touch Stone Farms, Guelph, ON
BREEDER: Winbak Farm, MD
SALE: \$80,000 Lexington Select Sale
TRAINER: Blake Macintosh **DRIVER:** Dave Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	7	5	0	0	\$120,245	1:48.2 M
2017	12	2	1	0	\$53,351	1:53.1 Stga
LIFETIME	19	7	1	0	\$173,596	1:48.2 M

- His connections paid the \$61,690 supplemental fee before he steamrolled first over to win the fastest Pace elimination in 1:48.2. Courtly Choice drew post five, which has won five of 41 editions. “I actually got away where I expected to,” said David Miller. “He felt really strong. I asked him and he paced really hard. He’s got big lungs and can carry his speed.
- Came into his Pace elimination off a blowout win in 1:48.4 in the Hempt consolation at Pocono Downs in June 30. He also romped in the North American Cup consolation at Mohawk in 1:49.2 on June 16.
- Dave Miller tied for sixth in the Meadowlands driver standings with 60 wins and \$2.8 million during the 2016-17 meet. The Buckeye also moved into second on the all-time money list at \$222 million, vaulting past \$10 million for the 15th time in 17 seasons. His 2017 highlights included major stakes wins with Agent Q in the Mistletoe Shalee, the William Haughton Memorial and TVG Open Pace Final with Mach It So, the Shady Daisy with Blazin Britches in a Big M track record 1:48.4, and a Breeders Crown and TVG Open Trot Final with What The Hill.
- The Buckeye is looking for his first Pace win in 19 finals. His best finish was second with Always B Miki in 2014. He also finished last with Betterthancheddar in 2011, a brother to Courtly Choice.
- Trainer Blake Macintosh makes his Pace debut. The former assistant to Casie Coleman comes off his first \$1 million season in 2017. Following his elimination win, the 43-year-old from Cambridge, Ontario disclosed driver Dave Miller said Courtly Choice was bumpy on the final turn and will get some vet work. “From last year to this year, he’s really matured,” said trainer Blake Macintosh. “He loves to race now.”
- Art Major sired 2008 upsetter Art Official, who handed the late great Somebeachsomewhere is only career defeat in a world record 1:47. Courtly Choice is a brother to Betterthancheddar, 1:48 [\$1,634,134], who finished tenth and last in the 2011 Pace.