

PAST WINNERS OF THE COLONIAL

1968 - 1985 raced at Liberty Bell Park; 1986 - 1988 raced at Rosecroft Raceway (Half- Mile Track) 1989 - 1994 raced at Rosecroft Raceway (5/8 Mile Track); 1995 raced at Foxboro Park; 1996 - 2004 raced at Woodbine Racetrack; 2007 to present raced at Harrah's Chester

* - Stakes Record on Half-Mile Track ** - Stakes Record on 5/8 Mile Track *** - Stakes Record on 7/8 Mile Track

Year	Purse	Time	Horse & Driver	Year	Purse	Time	Horse & Driver
1968	100,000	1:59	Nevele Pride (Stanley Dancer)	1992	86,844	1:58.4	Dutch Lobell (Berndt Linstedt)
1969	100,000	2:00.1	Lindys Pride (Howard Bessinger)		90,843	1:59	Giant Force (John Patterson Jr)
1970	102,275	2:03.1	Timothy T (John Simpson Jr)	1993	107,960	1:58.2	Geo Hanover (Per Eriksson)
1971	103,120	1:59.1	Savoir (James Arthur)		107,960	1:56.2	Pine Chip (John Campbell)
1972	100,000	2:02	Super Bowl (Stanley Dancer)	1994	86,578	2:00.3	Bosphorus (Ron Pierce)
1973	103,495	2:01.2	Flirth (Ralph Baldwin)		86,578	2:00.3	Keystone Graham (Ron Pierce)
1974	117,095	2:01.3	Keystone Gabriel (Peter Haughton)	1995	81,000	2:01	Keystone Galactic(RogerHammer)
1975	122,970	2:02	Meadow Bright (Delvin Miller)		81,000	2:00.3	Super Wally (Mike Allen)
1976	124,765	2:00.4	Armbro Regina (Joe O'Brien)	1996	184,109	1:55.1	Tony Oaks (Sam Noble III)
1977	118,495	1:58.4	Green Speed (William Haughton)	1997	104,125	1:57.2	Victory Scott (Bill Gale)
1978	113,350	1:58.1	Florida Pro (George Sholty)		104,425	1:56.4	Famously (Brian Allen)
1979	112,755	2:02.1	Chiola Hanover (James Allen)	1998	183,125	1:57.1	Brylin Hanover (John Holmes)
1980	131,740	2:00.1	Noble Hustle (Doug Ackerman)			(DH)	Exactitude (Trevor Ritchie)
1981	132,363	2:01	Keystone Triton (Eldon Harner)	1999	95,250	1:56.1	Fortuna Winner (J.P. DuBois)
1982	160,730	1:58.1	Jazz Cosmos (Mickey McNichol)		96,700	1:55	CR Commando (Carl Allen)
1983	150,000	1:59.1	Power Seat (William O'Donnell)	2000	136,182	1:56.2	Earl Of Stormont (Doug Brown)
1984	196,480	1:58.3	Why Not (Mickey McNichol)		137,643	1:58	PJ's Nabby (Paul Walker)
1985	190,385	1:58	Piggvar (Stanley Dancer)	2001	136,043	1:56.2	Banker Hall (Trevor Ritchie)
1986	80,349	1:59.4	EvergladeHanover(HalkanWallner)		136,043	1:56.2	CJ's Secret (Dan Dailey)
	82,349	2:01.2	Jersey Blizzard (Jody Stafford)	2002	75,670	1:55.1	WildwoodExpress(TonyKerwood)
1987	142,455	1:57.2*	Mack Lobell (John Campbell)		76,670	1:55.4	Duke Of York (Paul MacDonell)
1988	103,190	2:02.4	Huggie Hanover (Ron Waples)	2003	78,363	1:54.2***	Holy Guacamolie (Carl Allen)
	103,190	1:59.4	Somollison (Rod Allen)		79,363	1:56.2	Hawaiian Clipper (Keith Oliver)
1989	105,228	1:56	Esquire Spur (Dick Stillings)	2007	75,000	1:55.3	Primary As (Brian Sears)
	105,228	1:58.2	Flying Irishman (Harold Kelly)		75,000	1:55	Nate K (Ron Pierce)
1990	122,032	1:56.4	Jeanne's Somolli (Rod Allen)		75,000	1:56.3	The Liquidator (David Miller)
	122,033	1:56.2	Cheyenne Spur (Dick Stillings)	2008	500,000	1:53.2	Crazed (Tim Tetrick)
1991	123,175	1:57.3	Uconn Don (Mike Lachance)	2009	500,000	1:53**	Explosive Matter (Ron Pierce)
	123,175	1:54.4	Mr Chim (John Patterson Jr)				

THE HISTORY OF THE COLONIAL

One would only have to look no further than the very first winner of the Colonial to know that the stake for sophomore trotters would showcase the very best that the sport would have to offer. The brilliant Star's Pride colt, Nevele Pride, took the inaugural top honors in the 1968 classic on his way to being named Harness Horse of the Year. That would be his second such honor and "Pride" would eventually be only one of two standardbreds to be named Horse of the Year for three seasons as a 2, 3 and 4-year-old. In all, three other Colonial winners would go on and be named Harness Horse of the Year: Savoir, Green Speed and Mack Lobell. Within the list of previous winners, ten horses would be named as 3-Year-Old Colt Trotter of the Year and three of those would sweep the Trotting Triple Crown. 10 out of the first 12 Colonial winners were driven by men, who have been enshrined into the Harness Hall of Fame. Initially, it was the flagship event of the racing season at the former Liberty Bell Park in northeastern Philadelphia. When the track closed in 1985, the Colonial began an odyssey that took it to Rosecroft Raceway. There it was contested on both the half-mile surface and the 5/8 mile track that would be constructed. In 1995, it was held at Foxboro Park in Massachusetts. From 1996 to 2003, Woodbine Racetrack in Canada was home for the stake. In August 2007, the Colonial returned to its birth state and historic home - the Delaware Valley - with its first running at Harrah's Chester Casino & Racetrack.