

## **CAPTAIN ALBANO**

Bay Colt 3, by Captaintreacherous - Angelou - American Ideal

**OWNERS:** Patricia Stable, NY; L A Express Stable, PA; Sjoblom Racing & M Dolan,

FL

**BREEDER:** Frederick W Hertrich III, DE

**SALE:** Standardbred Horse Sale - \$150,000

TRAINER: Noel Daley DRIVER: Todd McCarthy

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2024	5	2	1	1	\$113,235	1:49.4 Phl
2023	9	7	2	0	\$445,680	1:49.2 Lex
LIFETIME	14	9	3	1	\$558,915	1:49.2 Lex

- Listed at 5-1 on the morning line and leaves from post seven in the Meadowlands Pace Final.
- Was stung grabbing a brief lead at the half in :53.1 and finished third in his Pace elimination behind Nijinsky and Funtime Bayama.
- Trainer Daley coming into the Pace eliminations: "He seems good, nice and bright. I'm happy with him. He came out of the race (North America Cup) well and traveled well. He's pretty relaxed."
- Finished second in his North America Cup elimination behind fellow Pace contender Captain's Quarters. Captain Albano finished fourth in the final.
- Todd McCarthy: "I've been really pleased with the way he's come back. I got to go and train him a couple times on his way back. He's grown a little and he's filled out a lot. He's looking really good. He's definitely one I've been looking forward to all winter. You only hope he comes back good, stays healthy and happy, and we can have a bit of fun with him this year."
- Kicked off his three-year-old season, going two for two in PA Sire Stakes action and taking a season's best mark of 1:49.4 at Harrah's Chester on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- "He was such a classy horse as a two-year-old, so mature for his age," McCarthy said. "He was pretty versatile as well. He can cut a mile if he's got to, he's great off a helmet, and he's quick off the gate. I think that's a complete package when a horse can do basically all three of those things."



- Captain Albano captured his Bluegrass division [in a personal best of 1:49.2] and International Stallion Stake division in 1:50.1 at the Red Mile before rolling to victory in his Breeders Crown elimination in 1:50.4. He finished second in the Final behind Gem Quality as the heavy favorite.
- Kicked off his freshman year with a win in the Kindergarten at the Meadowlands in July of 2023. After finishing second place in a PASS event, Captain Albano rolled off three straight wins and captured the \$252,000 PA Sire Stakes Final at Pocono Downs.
- Driver Todd McCarthy is looking for his first Pace win. He came close in 2023 with Hungry Angel Boy, who finished second at 70-1. His other drive was in 2022 with Caviart Camden, who finished eighth.
- Todd McCarthy won 206 races and \$7,117,953 in 2023. His top horses included FanDuel champion Allywag Hanover, Vincennes winner Lovedbythemasses, 1:47.2 performer Taurasi, and Governor's Cup winner Captain Luke.
- In 2022, Todd McCarthy catapulted off a stellar first entire season in North America with his first \$9 million year in 2022. Among his 273 wins, no doubt the biggest of McCarthy's young career came in the \$1 million Hambletonian when he guided Cool Papa Bell to the biggest upset in the 97-year history of the classic.
- Todd McCarthy completed his first full year in North America in 2021. Todd was voted the sport's Rising Star Award winner, driving Dan Patch Award-winning FFA pacer Allywag Hanover. McCarthy's father, John, is a highly regarded trainer in Australia, and his brother, Luke, is a top driver down under. His other brother, Andy, is one of the top ten drivers in the US.
- Trainer Noel Daley is looking for his first Meadowlands Pace win. In 2005, he finished eighth with All American Inca, seventh in 2006 with Took Hanover, and ninth in 2007 with Trueys Legacy.
- In 2023, Daley won 117 races and \$3,748,275, and he passed \$72 million in career earnings. Daley's top horses included NJSS Champions Sig Sauer and Buy A Round, Dan Patch Award winner Captain Albano, Goldsmith Maid winner Pizzelle, Miraculous Deo and Soaring Now.
- In 2022, Daley enjoyed a scintillating four-race winning streak overseeing super pacer Bulldog Hanover, who reeled off miles of 1:47, 1:46, 1:46.1, and a world record of 1:45.4 at The Big M. Daley's Pebble Beach and Volume Eight were both voted 2022 Dan Patch



Award winners. Pebble Beach was the second richest horse in the sport with \$1.35 million and finished no worse than second in 16 of 18, winning 10. Volume Eight was the fastest two-year-old trotter of the season, with a mark of 1:52.

- Daley grew up in Mt. Isa, Australia, where he worked for Qantas Airlines. He began working with horses when he came to the United States and first settled at Los Alamitos racetrack in California. Daley shipped east in 1990 to work as a caretaker in the Brett Pelling Stable. He stayed with Pelling for eight years, working his way up to second trainer. He enjoyed success as the Pelling stable dominated at the Meadowlands in the 1990s, winning the training title six times. The two trainers parted ways in 1998. Late in 2018, Noel Daley announced he was returning to Australia to become a private trainer for Emilio Rosati, who was building a new facility in Sydney. He returned to the US in 2019.
- Sire Captaintreacherous won the Meadowlands Pace in 2013. He is also the sire of two other finalists, Captain's Quarters and Captain Luke.