



GEM QUALITY

Bay Colt 3, by Captain Crunch – Twinkle – Bettor's Quality

OWNERS: Let It Ride Stables [Eric Cherry], FL; Odds On Racing [Dana Parham], FL; Brad Grant, ON; Enviro Stables [Gordon Banks, Marc Hanover], FL
BREEDER: Let it Ride Stables Inc & Bottom Line Racing LLC, FL
SALE: Homebred
TRAINER: Chris Ryder **DRIVER:** Yannick Gingras

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2024	6	2	1	2	\$58,926	1:51.0 PcD
2023	8	4	1	2	\$438,940	1:50.0 HoP
LIFETIME	14	6	2	3	\$497,866	1:50.0 HoP

- Drew post five in the Final and listed at 10-1 on the morning line.
- Finished third in his Pace elimination behind Legendary Hanover and Mirage Hanover, raced timed in 1:48.1, last quarter in :25.1.
- Ryder after Gem Quality's third place finish. "I was real happy with him. Obviously, he only finished third, but he was fine. I think we're on track now. We had a hiccup, but we're OK. We're in the final, and that's it."
- Came into the elimination off a third-place finish in a three-year-old open at the Meadowlands on June 29. He finished behind fellow contenders Mirage Hanover and Captain Luke.
- Finished fifth in his elimination and failed to make the North America Cup Final.
- Started his sophomore campaign two for three. He captured a leg of the PA All-Stars at Pocono Downs on May 11th in 1:53, and followed that up with a win in the PA Sire Stakes a week later in 1:51. He finished second in another Sire Stakes event at Harrah's Chester on May 26th.
- Trainer Chris Ryder after his 23-1 Breeders Crown upset: "It's a little bit of a surprise, but the horse has always been very, very quick. A couple of the other races I didn't have him 100 per cent, but tonight I knew he was the best that he's been. It just worked."



- Finished his two-year-old season with a second-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination and captured the Final in a personal best of 1:50, a track record, at Hoosier Park.
- Gem Quality had a third-place finish in his Metro Elimination and finished eighth in the Final after being parked out wide for half a mile.
- Began his career three for three, capturing a Pennsylvania Stallion Series division and two PASS events in August 2023, before finishing fifth in the PASS Final.
- Yannick Gingras was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2022.
- In 2021, Gingras became only the sixth driver in history to pass \$200 million and on January 15, 2022 scored career win 8,000.
- Gingras' third Pace win came in 2022 with Beach Glass, son of the late-great sire Somebeachsomewhere. His second Pace win came in 2020 with Horse of the Year Tall Dark Stranger. His first Pace win came in 2012 with A Rocknroll Dance. His debut in the Pace came with the favorite Timesarechanging, who was second in 2004.
- Yannick Gingras won his second straight driving title at The Big M in 2023 with 123 wins and \$3,218,413 in purse earnings. Gingras overall statistics for the season were 1,915 – 411-327-262 .355, \$15,165,027, giving him the North America money title. He also won a pair of Breeders Crowns with Dan Patch Award winners Karl and Bythemissal.
- Chris Ryder nearly duplicated his 2022 career highs in 2023 with 70 wins and \$3,470,615, and Ryder passed \$53 million in career purse earnings. Ryder's top horses included FanDuel Championship winner Twin B Joe Fresh, 23-1 Breeders Crown upsetter Gem Quality, Tattoo Artist, Peace Talks, Admiral Hill, Eternal Lee, Walner Payton, Bohemian Hanover, Handlelikeaporsche, and T H Tyson.
- Ryder's top mare pacer Twin B Joe Fresh took the 2024 Perfect Sting Final on Saturday, June 29 with Dexter Dunn driving.
- Ryder, 68, is looking for his first Pace winner in eight tries. He finished second in 2019 with Bettor's Wish, seventh finish in 2018 with This Is The Plan, seventh in 2005 with Load The Dice, third in 2004 with Metropolitan, second in 2022 with McArdle, seventh in 2000 with Mr. Prez and Sealed N Delivered finished tenth in 1998.



- The New Zealand native arrived in the US in 1989 when his wife Nicola was transferred to a Manhattan accounting firm. Ryder worked as an agent Down Under and when he first came to America. He first gained national attention with the 1997 Two-Year-Old Colt Pacer of the Year Sealed N Delivered.
- Ryder has nearly 1,900 career training wins and has over \$54 million in earnings. Ryder's top horses included FanDuel Championship winner Twin B Joe Fresh, Tattoo Artist, Peace Talks, Niki Hill; This Is The Plan, Bettor's Wish, Party Girl Hill, McArdle, Mystical Sunshine, and Put On A Show. Odds On Racing finished second with Odds On Equuleus in 2013. Enviro Stables are making their Pace debut.
- Co-owner Eric Cherry [Let It Ride] operates Ongait.com – the online racehorse marketplace. Brad Grant has had ten Pace starters and his best finish was a third with Stay Hungry in 2018.
- Gem Quality is from the first crop of Captain Crunch, who stands at Diamond Creek Farm in PA. Captain Crunch was the Dan Patch Award winner in 2018 after a two-year-old year that saw him victorious in both the Governor's Cup at The Meadowlands and Breeders Crown at The Downs at Pocono. At three, Captain Crunch won the Pepsi North American Cup, finished a close fourth as the heavy favorite in the Meadowlands Pace, and then captured the Cane Pace at The Meadowlands,

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