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Bar Hopping was a 1:51. winner in the Breeders Crown for sophomore trotting colts and geldings.

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Bar Hopping and **Ariana G**, a pair of **MUSCLE HILL** sired trotters, captured finals of the Breeders Crown at The Meadowlands on Saturday night (October 29).

Bar Hopping, driven by Tim Tetrick, rallied strongly off cover to capture the \$500,000 Breeders Crown for three-year-old colts and geldings by 1-1/2 lengths over **Southwind Frank** (by **MUSCLE HILL**).

Split times were 28.6, 56.4 and 1:24.2, with the mile time of 1:51.8 equalling the stakes record established in 2014.

It was **Bar Hopping's** sixth win from his last seven starts and increased his lifetime earnings to \$1,163,033. He has banked more than \$1-million this year.

He is out of a mare by **Credit Winner**.

Ariana G stormed down the centre of the track to win the \$600,000 Breeders Crown for two-year-old trotting fillies by 1-1/4 lengths in 1:53.8.

The win was her ninth in 11 starts.

Out of a Cantab Hall mare, **Ariana G** has banked \$743,967, making her the richest of her age, gait and sex in 2016.

MUSCLE HILL'S progeny this year have amassed over \$10.7million, \$3.5-million ahead of his nearest rival.

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Muscle Hill

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Muscle Hill a hit on and off the track

Champion sire **MUSCLE HILL** was flavour of the month in November both in the sale ring and the racetrack.

MUSCLE HILL sired the four highest-priced yearlings at the opening session of the Standardbred Horse Sale at Harrisburg, headed up by **Story Time Hanover** at \$410,000.

A trio of **MUSCLE HILL** colts in Hey Jock (\$400,000), **You Know You Do** (\$350,000) and **Drum Hanover** (\$270,000) rounded out the leading quartet.

Eighteen **MUSCLE HILL**-sired yearlings sold for an average of a whopping \$168,833 on opening compared the sale average of \$78,676, while 21 of his stock averaged a sale high of \$149,952.

Bar Hopping, **MUSCLE HILL**'s champion three-year-old, added the \$220,000 Carl Erskine, held at Hoosier Park, to his list of major race successes winning in a track record 1:53.8. It was the colt's ninth win from 18 starts in 2016. He boasts career earnings of almost \$1.3-million.

Jake, a two-year-old colt by **MUSCLE HILL**, captured at \$25,000 elimination for the Valley Victory in 1:55.8 at Woodbine Racetrack, Canada.

MUSCLE HILL is clearly this year's leading sire of two and three-year-olds based on average earnings per foal with his two-year-olds averaging \$25,717 and his three-year-olds a record \$75,910.

Meanwhile, on the homefront, **Dance Craze**, a three-year-old daughter of **MUSCLE HILL**, made it two for two with a very impressive come-from-behind effort at Kilmore.

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Muscle Hill yearlings tops I America

MUSCLE HILL, this year's leading North American stakes-winning trotting in every age group – two-year-olds, three-year-olds and all-aged, was the dominant trotting sire at the 2016 Lexington Selected Sale and the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg.

The 2016 Lexington sale saw 52 **MUSCLE HILL** yearlings sell for an average of \$114,385 with the yearling trotters (335 sold) averaging \$56,985 overall.

While the 2016 Harrisburg sale saw 21 **MUSCLE HILL** yearlings sell for an average of \$147,952 with yearling trotters (391 sold) averaging \$40,373 overall.

The 73 **MUSCLE HILL** yearlings sold were from a total registered foal crop of 105.

MUSCLE HILL sired the top priced yearling at both sales – Tactical Landing (\$800,000) at Lexington and Story Time Hanover (\$410,000) at Harrisburg – and, all told, 34 of his yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more.

The **MUSCLE HILL** progeny earnings in 2016 are an all-time record for a trotting sire in North America with over \$11.4-million from only four crops of racing age.

The previous record for seasonal earnings for a trotting sire was held by **Muscles Yankee**, the sire of **MUSCLE HILL**.

On the racing front, **MUSCLE HILL's** Swedish-trained son **Propulsion** qualified for the prestigious Prix d'Amerique, to be held at Vincennes, Paris in January, by finishing a game second after sitting parked in the Grand Prix de Bretagne at his French debut.

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