

# Blood Line



Brown Colt 3, by Somebeachsomewhere – Blood Diamond – Western Ideal

**OWNERS:** Diamond Creek Racing Wellsville, PA  
**BREEDER:** Diamond Creek Farm LLC, Wellsville, PA, J & T Silva Stables LLC, Long Beach, NY  
**SALE:** Homebred  
**TRAINER:** Jimmy Takter **DRIVER:** Mark MacDonald

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	5	1	1	1	\$45,774	1:50.3F
2016	12	2	2	1	\$119,375	1:51.3F
LIFETIME	17	3	3	2	\$165,119	1:50.3F

- Blood Line fired out from post four for an opening quarter lead in :27.3, before yielding for the pocket behind the favorite Huntsville and held second in the Pace elimination. He drew the rail, which is four for 40 [10%] in Pace Finals.
- Mark MacDonald thought Blood Line raced well in the elimination. “The trip worked out good, still a concern with my horse having not raced in almost 5 and a half weeks and his only race in between he made a brake. For the final I expect him to be a little bit better, they will probably race a little harder. He does have a real quick move off the helmet, hopefully I can put him in a good spot and get a nice piece.”
- Blood Line rebounded off a break in a Hempt elimination at Pocono Downs. In his second start of the season he won a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes division at Pocono Downs in a career best of 1:50.3, beating Filibuster Hanover and Boogie Shuffle.
- As a freshman in 2016, Blood Line won his career debut in PASS at Pocono Downs in 1:51.3 on July 4. His other highlight was a wire-to-wire blowout in a Bluegrass division at The Red Mile in 1:52.1 over a sloppy track.
- Mark MacDonald, 38, is from Prince Edward Island, Canada. MacDonald has won almost 6,000 races and more than \$84 million in purses. Now a regular at Yonkers Raceway, he has raced in two Pace Finals with Shark Gesture [fifth in 206] and Sportswriter [seventh in 2010].
- Mark MacDonald has been through it all in his driving career, the good, the bad and the ugly. But he's also endured, undaunted by the past and optimistic about the future. The reinsman has experienced numerous high-profile moments in the sulky. He produced a career year in 2006 when he notched what was then a single-season Canadian record of 739 wins. He also captured the \$1.5 million Pepsi North America Cup four years later with Sportswriter. The triumph came on the same night he won the Fan Hanover with Western Silk, both for trainer Casie Coleman. He captured the 2006 Little Brown Jug with Mr

Feelgood for trainer Jimmy Takter, set a world record of 1:47.4 with American Ideal in 2005 and won Breeders Crowns with Moving Pictures and Betterthancheddar for Coleman.

- MacDonald has been involved in a pair of serious on-track accidents. The first came on January 3, 2004 at Western Fair Raceway, the other at Mohawk Racetrack on May 26, 2011. Both incidents sent him to the sidelines for lengthy periods of time. MacDonald, who had been a familiar face on the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) circuit for several years, took time off from November 2011 to February 2012 after he developed intense migraines and bouts of dizziness that prevented him from leaving his home. The two-time O'Brien Award-winning driver always wanted to give driving a try in the U.S., and when MacDonald returned to the sulky in February of 2012, it came at Yonkers Raceway in New York. Later that year he won the Adios with Bolt The Duer in a world record of 1:47.4.
- Swedish native and Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, 56, has over 1,900 career wins and \$114 million in purse earnings. Takter is sending out his eighth Pace finalist. His best finish was a second with Vintage Master in 2009.
- In 2016, Takter continued to add major stars to his voluminous resume, was voted Trainer of the Year for the third straight season and sixth time overall, won his fourth Horse of the Year title with the amazing Always B Miki and campaigned four Dan Patch Award winners. Always B Miki became the fastest standardbred in history with a 1:46 world record. The leading money winning trainer in Meadowlands history also passed the \$10 million mark for the third consecutive year and won three Breeders Crowns to push his series leading total to 30. In 2015, Takter won his fourth Hambletonian with Pinkman, and last year he won his third straight Hambletonian Oaks and sixth overall with Ariana G.
- His super sire Somebeachsomewhere suffered his only career loss in 21 starts in the epic 2008 Meadowlands Pace, upset by Art Official in a world record of 1:47. Somebeachsomewhere, a son of the late 2002 Pace champion, was named 2008 Horse of the Year. He sired 2013 Pace winner Captaintreacherous from his first crop and sends out half of the ten finalists this year.
- Blood Line is the second foal out of the dam Blood Diamond, a Western ideal sister to Breeders Crown champion If I Can Dream, 1:49.4 [\$1,990,276]. The first foal is Blood Brother, 1:50 [\$613,613].