NY-bred Walner wins Breeders Crown 2-year-old colt trot elimination
by Ellen Harvey, for The Breeders Crown

East Rutherford, NJ --- Walner and Tim Tetrick were the unchallenged winners by three lengths in 1:53.3 in the first $20,000 elimination for the $600,000 Breeders Crown 2-year-old colt and gelding trot on Saturday (Oct. 22) at The Meadowlands.

The Linda Toscano trainee, owned by Ken Jacobs, took the lead away from Giveitgasandgo (Corey Callahan) after the :28 first quarter and held that lead to the :56.3 half and the 1:25 three-quarters, holding off Devious Man (Andy Miller) who pulled on the outside to make an attempt for the lead, and drawing alongside Giveitgasandgo, who held for second throughout the first three-quarters of the race.

Walner (Chapter Seven - Random Destiny) trotted away from the rest of the field with What The Hill (David Miller) rallying for second along the rail, while Giveitgasandgo (Corey Callahan) was third. Dover Dan (Scott Zeron) was fourth and Sir John F (Matt Kakaley) was fifth and got the final spot for next week’s final.

“I’d like to be in the Hambletonian, that’s my goal,” said owner Ken Jacobs.

“He's got tons of talent and he wants to do his job; he's got a ton of speed to go with it. Everything's there,” said winning driver Tim Tetrick.