

NY-Bred Atlanta's connections accept her Trotter of the Year trophy.

Atlanta became the first filly to win the Hambletonian since 1996 when she captured the \$1 million final Aug. 4 at the Meadowlands. Driven by Scott Zeron, she won eight of 14 races last year and led all 3-year-old filly trotters with \$1.01 million in purses. Her victories also included the Kentucky Filly Futurity and Empire Breeders Classic.

A daughter of Chapter Seven out of Hemi Blue Chip, Atlanta was owned in 2018 by trainer Rick Zeron, Michelle and Al Crawford's Crawford Farms, William Holland's Holland Racing Stable, Howard Taylor, and Brad Grant. She was bred by Order By Stable. The horse sold recently for a record \$1.55 million to a group led by Michelle Crawford.



"I'm very happy," Crawford said. "I was very excited to hear her for Trotter of the Year. I think she deserves it. I watched her from the beginning and she's just a freak, a really phenomenal filly. I can't wait to put her in the breeding shed and have her babies, but I'm not trying to get her off the track by any means. I'm excited for her future, but I'm not rushing her off the track. Not at all."

The announcements of Horse, Pacer, and Trotter of the Year were made during Sunday's banquet. Previously announced divisional champions also were honored at the event.

Division-winning pacers were 2-year-old colt Captain Crunch, 2-year-old filly Warrawee Ubeaut, 3-year-old gelding Dorsoduro Hanover, 3-year-old filly Kissin In The Sand, Shartin N, and McWicked. Division-winning trotters were **NY-Bred** 2-year-old colt Gimpanzee, **NY-Bred** 2-year-old filly Woodside Charm, **NY-Bred** 3-year-old colt Six Pack, 6-year-old gelding Homicide Hunter, 4-year-old mare Ariana G, and Atlanta.