

# MAJESTIC SON

Angus Hall-Celtic Contessa-King Conch  
2, 1:55.4s (\$527,886)

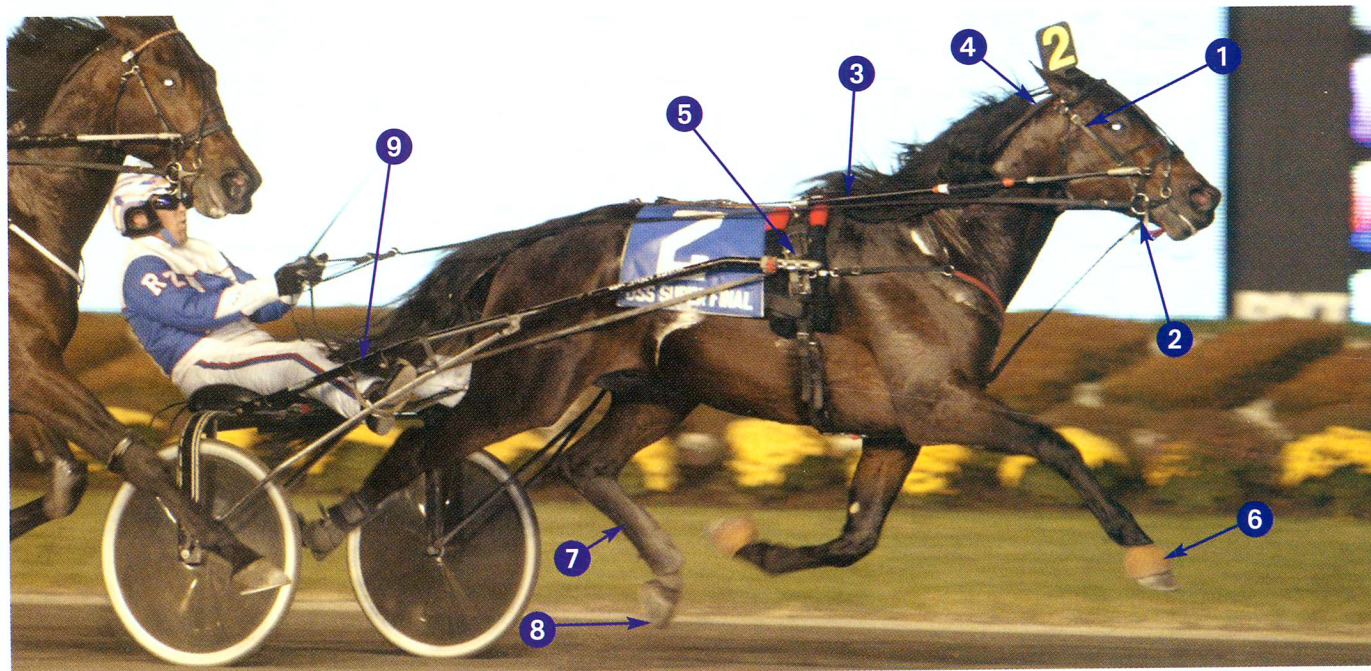


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1. The colt wears an open bridle now. We did have a Murphy blind on the inside previously because of his tendency to run in on the turns.
2. The bit is just a rubber snaffle. It's all he needs because he has a nice mouth. He wears a mini-check bit as well.
3. I tell people the reason he wears two head poles is to make it easier for the drivers but the truth is he can be a little in and out.
4. The check is more loose than taut. He's not laying into it. It's just where he seems to find it comfortable.
5. Walsh is the brand of harness for no reason other than it's a good product and has done the trick up until now so why would I change?
6. Bell boots in front to help me sleep at night. It's a bit more weight and if he ever jumped on a quarter it will give protection. No knee boots because he has good enough action.
7. Trotting boots behind for obvious reasons.
8. Shoeing was an issue earlier in the year. He started out with steel but then because of quarter cracks went to a heavy steel swedge shoe with a bar in front. Then when he made his first break he tore off part of a foot so we had to go to glue-on aluminum. The last three starts we've been able to go back to the heavy steel swedge in front and a full swedge behind.
9. It's an older Brodeur bike that he wears but he did have the Advantage on when he won in 1:55.4. I never liked him in that though and after he made a break I went back to the Brodeur. He also has two gaiting straps and that combination works well for him. I can't see spending \$7,000 for any brand of sulky – that's the price of another horse.

## Trainer Mark Steacy's Comments:

"He's only a medium-sized horse but even regular caretakers at Classy Lane would walk by him and say "Hi, handsome" because he is quite photogenic.

"Gait-wise he has a little more action than I ideally would like. He has extra weight in front and I'd like to reduce that so he could stride out a little more. He's never been passed in the stretch but I hope he'll get away from that up and down motion. If he does he could be a big time horse.

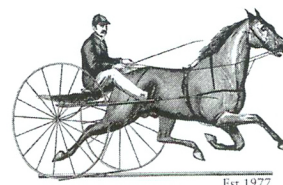
"He's got a lot of character, never misses a meal and genuinely enjoys his work.

"Soundness-wise he got a little sore. In February he had three quarter cracks which we fixed but one came back. He got over that and then had a bad nail after the Rideau Carleton race. Next he jumped and tore part of his foot off but came back sound which he was when he won the Super Final.

"He won't start jogging again until the end of January. If we miss the first OSS event it won't bother me because I'm looking towards the Goodtimes and Canadian Trotting Classic. There won't be any problem writing the cheques for those stake payments because of what he's done and he deserves the chance to show what he can do."

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