

## JL Cruze in 1:53.2

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**Dover, DE** --- Though stabled a short distance from the track, JL Cruze made his second 2016 start and first local appearance and responded with an easy 1:53.2 victory in the \$36,000 Open Preferred trot at Dover Downs. Two \$20,000 Delaware Standardbred Breeders Fund 2nd leg 3-year-old male trot divisions led off the program with Triple Bottom Line and Epic Smash scoring impressive victories on the Wednesday, April 5 program.



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**JL Cruze was an easy 1:53.1 winner in Wednesday's Open Preferred trot at Dover Downs.**

Emerging from a pack of trotters bidding for second was Spunky Jack with Roger Plante, who has five seconds this year and 15 over the last two seasons. Somebody AS, teamed with Tim Tetrick, finished third in front of early leader Gural Hanover, driven by Andrew McCarthy.

JL Cruze now has 23 career wins and earnings of \$690,553 lifetime.

Hall of Fame driver John Campbell left with JL Cruze and tucked in fifth after the start. Campbell began his frontward movement heading to the half-mile and steadily continued to move. The [Crazed](#)-Topcat Hall bay gelding finally took over after the three-quarters on the way to his second triumph of the year for trainer Eric Ell and owners Ken Wood, of Denton, Md., and Philadelphia area residents, Bill Dittmar and Steve Iaquina.