

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Seven

The 2019 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 3, 2019



RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	GREENSHOE (FATHER PATRICK)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc, Hans Backe, Lars Grandqvist, Morten Langli	Kicked off 2019 an impressive three-for-three before suffering his first defeat of the season, fast-closing second by a nose in the Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial while pace & trip compromised, Melander said, "When he puts in that gear, he can go so fast it looks like other horses are standing still."
2	GIMPANZEE (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc, S RF Stable	2018 Dan Patch Award winner is undefeated 11-for-11 & two-for-two this season, romped in the EBC @ Vernon Downs in 1:54, then cruised in a NYSS event @ Yonkers on June 25
3	GREEN MANALISHI S (MUSCLE HILL)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc	Won the fastest Beal elimination in 1:52.1, tough trip to finish third [1:53] in the Beal Final, only his second start of 2019, Melander said, "He had a little soreness in the qualifiers. It was nothing major and everything has been great since we took care of it."
4	PILOT DISCRETION (MUSCLE HILL)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Robert LeBlanc, David Anderson, John Fodera	Son of Muscle Hill has surged to the top level of his class in a short time, undefeated 6-for-6 & 4-for-4 this season, stormed home in :27.2 to win the Goodtimes Final in 1:52.4 as the heavy favorite after a career best 1:52 elimination romp, did not race last two weeks
5	DON'T LET'EM (MUSCLE HILL)	Yannick Gingras, Nancy Johansson, Brittany Farms, Christina Takter, John Fielding, Herb Liverman	Peter Haughton Memorial winner & track record holder took the week off, dominated in 1:51.3 in a Big M overnight on June 21, Johansson said, "I think we'll keep him home as much as we can before the Hambletonian and keep his stress level down."
6	FORBIDDEN TRADE (KADABRA)	Bob McClure, Luc Blais, Determination	O'Brien Award winner upset Swandre the Giant with a :26.3 final quarter to win his Goodtimes elimination in 1:53.1, a close second [1:52.4] in the final, romped in an OSS Gold event in 1:53.1 [:26.3] @ Mohawk on June 24
7	SUPER SCHISSEL (UNCLE PETER)	Scott Zeron, Per Engblom, Al Libfeld, Perry Soderberg	Grand Circuit winning 2YO finished a close third [1:52.4] in the Goodtimes Final, dominated an overnight @ The Big M on June 28 & took a new mark of 1:52.4
8	MARSEILLE (MUSCLE HILL)	Ake Svanstedt, Ake Svanstedt Inc, Order By Stable, Howard Taylor	55-1 shocker going wire-to-wire in the Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial in 1:52.3, "My chance to be second in this race was to leave fast and maybe come behind Greenshoe," said Svanstedt. "But he never came, so then it was just to go to the front."
9	SWANDRE THE GIANT (SWAN FOR ALL)	Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke, Diamond Creek Racing, J & T Silva Stables, Howard Taylor	In his first season for Team Burke, second [1:53.1] in his Goodtimes elim, fourth [1:53] in the final, traffic troubled third [1:53.1] to Green Manalishi S as the beaten favorite in his Beal elimination, finished fourth [1:53] with a two-hole trip in the final
10	OSTERC (CANTAB HALL)	Yannick Gingras, Per Engblom, Al Libfeld, Perry Soderberg Yannick Gingras	PASS champion & Dexter Cup winner, off a career best of 1:52.2 @ Harrah's Philadelphia was second [1:53.1] to Greenshoe in his Beal elimination, came first up & broke [seventh] in the final

KEY PREP RACES

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Driver	Trainer	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
05/04	Dexter Cup	Hfd	OSTERC	Yannick Gingras	Per Engblom	HL REVADON	Skyway Kon Man	1:57
05/11	PASS	Mea	GINGER TREE SKYR	Dan Rawlings	Sam Beegle	Capy Chaps Hanover	Explosive Magic	1:55
05/11	PASS	Mea	OSTERC	Yannick Gingras	Per Engblom	KLUTZY	FASHION POSSESSED	1:55.1
05/11	PASS	Mea	GOES DOWN SMOOTH	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	CHIPLOSIVE	Papi Hanover	1:54.3
05/17	NJSS	M	GREENSHOE	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	SHEENA'S BOY	BATTENBERG	1:51.2
05/17	NJSS	M	SOUL STRONG	Yannick Gingras	Ake Svanstedt	NO DRAMA PLEASE	Galixton	1:53
05/24	NJSS	M	REIGN OF HONOR	Dave Miller	Nifty Norman	TRIX AND STONES	NO DRAMA PLEASE	1:54.2
05/27	E. Breeders Final	VD	GIMPANZEE	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	MR VICKTOR	Travel Winner	1:54
05/31	NJSS Final	M	GREENSHOE	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	REIGN OF HONOR	Galixton	1:50.2
06/02	PASS	PcD	MARSEILLE	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	GERRY	Papi Hanover	1:53.3
06/02	PASS	PcD	EXPLOSIVEBREAKAWAY	Tom Jackson	Fred Grant	SUMMIT IN SIGHT	Capt Chaps Hanover	1:54.2
06/07	Goodtimes Elim	Moh	FORBIDDEN TRADE	Bob McClure	Luc Blais	SWANDRE THE GIANT	SMART AS HILL	1:53.1
06/07	Goodtimes Elim	Moh	PILOT DISCRETION	Andrew McCarthy	Tony Alagna	SOUTHWIND AVENGER	Dream Nation	1:52
06/14	PASS	Phi	SUMMIT IN SIGHT	Andy Miller	Julie Miller	GOES DOWN SMOOTH	Night Hall	1:53
06/14	PASS	Phi	GUARANTEED	Tim Tetrick	Linda Toscano	Macmorris Hanover	Kate's Massive	1:55.1
06/14	PASS	Phi	OSTERC	Yannick Gingras	Per Engblom	MARSEILLE	EXPLOSIVEBREAKAWAY	1:52.2
06/15	Goodtimes Final	Moh	PILOT DISCRETION	Andrew McCarthy	Tony Alagna	FORBIDDEN TRADE	SUPER SCHISSEL	1:52.4
06/22	E. Beal, Jr. Elim	PcD	GREENSHOE	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	OSTERC	MARSEILLE	1:52.3
06/22	E. Beal, Jr. Elim	PcD	GREEN MANALISHI S	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	SUMMIT IN SIGHT	SWANDRE THE GIANT	1:52.1
06/29	Earl Beal, Jr. Mem	PcD	MARSEILLE	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Savnstedt	GREENSHOE	GREEN MANILISHI S	1:52.3
07/13	Stanley Dancer	M						
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