

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Eight

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	Won his first three starts this season, including a 1:50.2 romp in the NJSS Final, then a fast-closing second in the Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial, did not race last week, Melander said, "He trained well on Saturday (July 6)." Post 7 in Race 5 Stanley Dancer Memorial
2	GIMPANZEE (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc, S RF Stable	Undeclared 11-for-11 & two-for-two this season, dominated the EBC @ Vernon Downs in 1:54, then crushed a NYSS event @ Yonkers in 1:55, did not race last week, Melander said, "We may race him next at Tioga (NYSS on July 19)."
3	GREEN MANALISHI S (MUSCLE HILL)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc	Fastest Beal elimination winner in 1:52.1, tough trip finishing third [1:53] in the Beal Final, only his second start of 2019, Post 4 in Race 3 Stanley Dancer Memorial division
4	PILOT DISCRETION (MUSCLE HILL)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Robert LeBlanc, David Anderson, John Fodera	Undeclared 6-for-6 & 4-for-4 in 2019, won the Goodtimes Final in 1:52.4 as the heavy favorite following a 1:52 elimination win, did not race last three weeks, won a Big M qualifier in a career best of 1:51.4 on July 5, Post 3 in Race 5 Stanley Dancer Memorial division
5	DON'T LET'EM (MUSCLE HILL)	Yannick Gingras, Nancy Johansson, Brittany Farms, Christina Takter, John Fielding, Herb Liverman	Peter Houghton Memorial winner did not race last week, finished a close second in :26 to Pilot Discretion in a Big M qualifier on July 5 after dominating a Big M overnight in 1:51.3, Post 1 in Race 5 Stanley Dancer Memorial division
6	FORBIDDEN TRADE (KADABRA)	Bob McClure, Luc Blais, Determination	O'Brien Award winner took his Goodtimes elimination in 1:53.1, then a close second [1:52.4] in that final, followed by an OSS Gold event in 1:53.1 [26.3] @ Mohawk on June 24, did not race last week
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, romped in an overnight @ The Big M on June 28 & took a new mark of 1:52.4, did not race last week, Post 5 in Race 5 Stanley Dancer Memorial division
8	MARSEILLE (MUSCLE HILL)	Ake Svanstedt, Ake Svanstedt Inc, Order By Stable, Howard Taylor	Wire-to-wire 55-1 shocker in the Earl Beal, Jr. Memorial in 1:52.3 did not race last week, joins stablemates Soul Strong & Sheena's Boy as a solid trio for Team Svanstedt
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 in his Goodtimes elim, fourth in that final, traffic troubled third to Green Manalishi S in his Beal elimination, fourth with a two-hole trip in that final, did not race last week, Post 2 in Race 3 Stanley Dancer Memorial division
10	OSTERC (CANTAB HALL)	Yannick Gingras, Per Engblom, Al Libfeld, Perry Soderberg Yannick Gingras	Dexter Cup winner was second [1:53.1] to Greenshoe in his Beal elimination, first up & broke [seventh] in that final, did not race last week, Post 7 in Race 3 Stanley Dancer Memorial division

KEY PREP RACES

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Driver	Trainer	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
05/04	Dexter Cup	Fhld	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	<i>Papi Hanover</i>	1:53.3
06/02	PASS	PcD	EXPLOSIVEBREAKAWAY	Tom Jackson	Fred Grant	SUMMIT IN SIGHT	<i>Capt Chaps Hanover</i>	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	Phl	SUMMIT IN SIGHT	Andy Miller	Julie Miller	GOES DOWN SMOOTH	Night Hall	1:53
06/14	PASS	Phl	GUARANTEED	Tim Tetrick	Linda Toscano	Macmorris Hanover	Kate's Massive	1:55.1
06/14	PASS	Phl	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 Svanstedt	GREENSHOE	GREEN MANILISHI S	1:52.3
07/13	Stanley Dancer	M						
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