

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Eight - July 20th

The 2020 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 8



Rank	Horse	Driver, Trainer, Owner	Ken Warkentin's Comments
1	Ready For Moni (Ready Cash)	Yannick Gingras, Nancy Takter, John Fielding, Lindy Farms of Conn, Herb Liverman, Bud Hatfield	Colts by two-time Prix D'Amerique winner Ready Cash ranked 1-2 this week, KYSS champion now with Team Takter rallied to win his 3YO debut in Dancer division in 1:51.4, "I couldn't have scripted it any better," Gingras said. "It's his first start of the year and I wanted to somewhat take it easy on him. It couldn't have worked out any better. He's great. I think he's ready for it. He's going to get next week off, I'm pretty sure, and he's ready for the (Hambletonian)."
2	Back Of The Neck (Ready Cash)	Scott Zeron, Ake Svanstedt, Howard Taylor, Order By Stable, Judith Taylor	Won a Reynolds division @ Big M on July 11 in 1:52 with a thunderous :26.4 rally, romped in a Dancer division in 1:52, "He was really handy today, really relaxed, which is good," Zeron said. "He's progressively getting smarter and smarter on the track. Every start is just leading up to the Hambletonian in my eyes, so today it was like leave, let him sit, see how he feels in the hole. I was able to sit in longer than I thought I could because of the pace. Down the lane, he just finished strong. He was very well within himself."
3	Ramona Hill (Muscle Hill)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Brad Grant, Crawford Farms Racing, Robert Leblanc, In The Gym Partners	Filly Dan Patch Award & Breeders Crown winner finished third [1:51] from post nine in her 3YO debut, unleashed a 1:50.3 career best from post ten in the Del Miller
4	Sorella (Muscle Hill)	Yannick Gingras, Nancy Takter, Elmer Fannin, Crawford Farms Racing	Filly started 2020 three-for-three with Team Takter, fresh off a 1:50.2 win in the Reynolds @ Big M on July 11, challenged first over & faded to fourth [1:51.1] in the Del Miller
5	Hypnotic AM (Chapter Seven)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc.	Filly was an ultra impressive 1:51.1 [:27.3] winner in her 3YO debut, cruised in a NYSS @ Tioga Downs in 1:54.2, romped in the EBC @ Vernon Downs on July 4 in 1:53.4, third [1:51.1] with a very tough trip from post eight in the Del Miller
6	Third Shift (Chapter Seven)	Ake Svanstedt, Mellby Gard, Inc., Ake Svanstedt	Won a NYSS division @ Vernon Downs on June 24 in 1:54.2, took an EBC division @ Vernon Downs on July 4 in 1:52.4, aggressive runner up [1:52.2] from post seven in a Dancer division
7	Panem (Father Patrick)	Dexter Dunn, Nancy Takter, Diamond Creek Racing	Filly won her 3YO debut in 1:53.4 @ Big M on June 26, second [1:51] with a :26.3 from post eight in Reynolds on July 11, second [1:50.4] with a :27.4 in Del Miller
8	Beads (Archangel)	Jimmy Takter, Per Engblom, Renee Spahr	Broke in his first two starts this season, then Jimmy Takter took the lines for a 1:52.2 qualifier win, first over & just missed in his 3YO debut in 1:51.2, third [1:52] from the rail in a Dancer division

9	Big Oil (Father Patrick)	Andy & Julie Miller, Jason, Doug & Ron Allen	Wire-to-wire in 1:55 in his 3YO debut @ Harrah's Philadelphia on June 28, won a PA Allstars division @ Pocono Downs in 1:53.2 on July 11, third [1:52.3] in a Dancer division
10	Amigo Volo (Father Patrick)	Dexter Dunn, Nifty Norman, Pinsky Stables, David J. Miller	Breeders Crown champion romped in a PA Allstars division @ Pocono Downs in 1:54 on July 11, took the lead past a :54.4 half & faded to fourth [1:52.3] in a Dancer division, post five in a PASS division @ Pocono Downs on July 26