

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Three – Issued Thursday, June 15

The 2023 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 5

RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	VOLUME EIGHT (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley, Sjoblom Racing, Joe Sbrocco, LA Express & JAF Racing, Mario Mazza	Dan Patch Award winner, fastest 2YO male trotter of 2022 [1:52], five-race winning streak, including the Valley Victory & Kindergarten Classic Final, second [1:56.2] in June 14 qualifier @ Magical Acres, qualifies on June 23 @ Big M, first start scheduled for July 1
2	SPECIAL WAY (WALNER)	Ake Svanstedt, Brittany Farms, Marvin Katz, Al Libfeld	Dan Patch Award winner, richest 2YO female trotter of 2022 with \$697,475, made it three-for-three this season & 10 in a row with a career best 1:51.4 in the NJSS Final, not in to go
3	AIR POWER (MUSCLE HILL)	Andrew McCarthy, Marcus Melander, Amg Stable Inc., Rick Wahlstedt, Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable	Made only three starts at two, won his 3YO debut in 1:52.1, came right back to upset Ari Ferrari J in a 1:51 NJSS division, then captured the NJSS Final in a career best 1:50.4, not in to go
4	OH WELL (MUSCLE HILL)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable	Won 2022 NJSS Final in 1:53.1, Mohawk Million & NJ Classic A Final, second (1:52.2) in 3YO debut, just missed in 1:52, then finished second again in the NJSS Final, not in to go
5	BOND (SOUTHWIND FRANK)	Ake Svanstedt, Little E, L. Berg Inc.	Filly finished 2022 with six straight wins, including PASS Championship, Kindergarten Classic & Goldsmith Maid, wire-to-wire from post eight in PA Allstars division @ Pocono on June 4 in a career best 1:52.3, post four Race 10 PASS @ Pocono on June 18
6	UP YOUR DEO (WALNER)	Ake Svanstedt, Suleyman Yuksel Stables, Deo Volente Farms, Van Camp Trotting Corp.	Broke his maiden in his 3YO debut from post 11 in 1:52 in the slop, upsetting Oh Well, finished third going first over in the NJSS Final, one of three for Team Svanstedt in Top 10, not in to go
7	TACTICAL APPROACH (TACTICAL LANDING)	Scott Zeron, Nancy Takter, Robert Leblanc, John Fielding, Joe Sbrocco, JAF Racing	Won two qualifiers & first two starts as a 3YO, including a 1:52.1 NJSS division, third with a :25.4 in the slop on May 20, deadheat for fourth in the NJSS Final, not in to go
8	GAINES HANOVER (CANTAB HALL)	Louis Roy, Richard Moreau, Gestion J Y Blais, Inc.	O'Brien Award & Breeders Crown winner, held on to take a Goodtimes elimination in 1:52.1 second time Lasix, Louis Roy said, "I was pretty confident in my horse, he does whatever you want from anywhere", drew post two in Goodtimes Final
9	CROWN (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable	NYSS star & Matron Stakes runner up at two, second by a nose & placed first in a 1:52.4 NYSS division @ Tioga Downs on June 9, not in to go
10	KILMISTER (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant, Inc.	2022 Peter Haughton Memorial winner, third placed second (1:53.2) to Kierkegaard K in NYSS season debut, pace compromised third (1:53.3) in a NYSS division @ Tioga Downs, post one in Empire Breeders Classic 1 st division on June 16 @ Vernon Downs

KEY PREP RACES

Hambletonian Eligibles in Caps

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Driver	Trainer	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
May 6	Dexter Cup	Fhld	Khaosan Road	Scott Zeron	Ake Svanstedt	ESPRESSO	Candy Bomber	1:57.4
May 13	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	WALNER PAYTON	Dexter Dunn	Chris Ryder	BLONDE BOMBSHELL	SECRET VOLO	1:51.4
May 13	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	AIR POWER	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	Ari Ferrari J	Dire Straits	1:51
May 13	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	SPECIAL WAY	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	MAMBACITA	CHECK HER OUT	1:53.1
May 13	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	TACTICAL APPROACH	Scott Zeron	Nancy Takter	OH WELL	CELEBRITY BAMBINO	1:52.1
May 20	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	SECRET VOLO	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	MAMBACITA	Tactical Mounds	1:53.2
May 20	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	SPECIAL WAY	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	WALNER PAYTON	BLONDE BOMBSHELL	1:53.4
May 20	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	UP YOUR DEO	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	OH WELL	TACTICAL APPROACH	1:52
May 29	NYSS 1 st Leg	V	Cecil Hanover	Mark MacDonald	Ake Svanstedt	THE GRUFFALO	CROWN	1:52.3
May 29	NYSS 1 st Leg	V	KIERKEGAARD K	Mark MacDonald	Ake Svanstedt	KILMISTER	TILLIO'S ACTION	1:53
June 2	NJSS Final	M	AIR POWER	Andrew McCarthy	Marcus Melander	OH WELL	UP YOUR DEO	1:50.4
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June 3	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	FATHER STOSH	Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	Jill Roland	CHAMBA	Commander Frank	1:53.4
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June 3	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	Saint Louie	Dave Palone	Ake Svanstedt	ONCE IN A LIFETIME	Sintra De Vie	1:54
June 9	NYSS 2 nd Leg	TD	Cecil Hanover	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	Sevecheetah	KILMISTER	1:52.4
June 9	NYSS 2 nd Leg	TD	CROWN	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	Chapercraz	You Got It	1:52.4
June 9	Goodtimes Elims	Moh	GAINES HANOVER	Louis Phillip Roy	Richard Moreau	SOUTHWIND COORS	TUSCAN PRINCE	1:52.1
June 9	Goodtimes Elims	Moh	Warrawee Yang	Scott Young	Mark Etsell	Hasty Bid	Wintra An Angel	1:53.3
June 11	PASS 2 nd Leg	PcD	ONCE IN A LIFETIME	Tim Tetrick	Jim Campbell	FRENCH WINE	Saint Louie	1:53.1

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June 16	EBC	V						
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June 17	Currier & Ives	Mea						
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June 17	Goodtimes Final	Moh						
June 23	Yonkers Trot Elims	Y						
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June 30	Yonkers Trot	Y						
July 1	Reynolds	M						
July 1	Reynolds	M						
July 2	PASS	Phi						
July 2	PASS	Phi						
July 8	Zweig Memorial	V						
July 8	Zweig Memorial	V						
July 15	Stanley Dancer	M						
July 15	Stanley Dancer	M						
July 15	Del Miller	M						
July 15	Del Miller	M						
July 19	NYSS 3 rd Leg	Buf						
July 19	NYSS 3 rd Leg	Buf						
July 22	Tompkins-Geers	M						
July 22	Tompkins-Geers	M						
July 29	Hambo Elimination	M						
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