

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN
 Week Five – Issued Wednesday, June 28

The 2023 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 5

RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	KIERKEGAARD K (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc.	NYSS Final runner up last year, three-for-three this season, wire-to-wire in a NYSS division in 1:53, equaled the Vernon Downs all-age track record of 1:50.3 in an Empire Breeders Classic division, dominated a Yonkers Trot elimination in 1:54.3, post three in Final
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, qualifies @ Big M on July 1
3	AIR POWER (MUSCLE HILL)	Andrew McCarthy, Marcus Melander, Amg Stable Inc., Rick Wahlstedt, Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable	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, post seven in first Reynolds division
4	VOLUME EIGHT (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley, Sjoblom Racing, Joe Sbrocco, LA Express & JAF Racing, Mario Mazza	Dan Patch Award winner, second (1:56.2) in June 14 qualifier @ Magical Acres, third (1:54.4) in a June 24 qualifier 19 @ Big M, makes 3YO debut from post six in first Reynolds division
5	BOND (SOUTHWIND FRANK)	Ake Svanstedt, Little E, L. Berg Inc.	Filly finished 2022 with six straight wins, including the PASS Championship, Kindergarten Classic & Goldsmith Maid, wire-to-wire in PA Allstars @ Pocono in 1:52.3, lowered her mark to 1:51.4 in PASS @ Pocono, post eight in Reynolds division @ Big M
6	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, second again in the NJSS Final, post two in second Reynolds division
7	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, third going first over in the NJSS Final, recovered from an early miscue to win a Yonkers Trot elimination in a track record of 1:53.1, post two in Yonkers Trot Final
8	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, third (1:53.3) in a NYSS division @ Tioga Downs, took a mark of 1:52.4 in an Empire Breeders Classic 1 st division, not in to go
9	SOUTHWIND COORS (WALNER)	Scott Zeron, Matthew Bax, Bax Stable, Glengate Farms, David Richard Hudson, Craig Wilson	Just one for 11 as a 2YO, yet has matured into a Goodtimes winner in 1:52, second (1:52.1) by a neck to Gaines Hanover in his elimination, then nosed out that rival in the final, not in to go
10	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 (1:52) by a nose in the Goodtimes Final third time Lasix, not in to go

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	1:52
							APPROACH	
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
June 2	NJSS Final	M	SPECIAL WAY	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	SECRET VOLO	WALNER PAYTON	1:51.4
June 3	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	FATHER STOSH	Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	Jill Roland	CHAMBA	Commander Frank	1:53.4
June 3	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	Spitfire Overseas	Scott Zeron	Megan Scran	HERODOTUS	Khaosan Road	1:53.2
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	SOUTHWND COORS	TUSCAN PRINCE	1:52.1
June 9	Goodtimes Elims	Moh	Warrawee Yang	Scott Young	Mark Etsell	Hasty Bid	What 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
June 11	PASS 2 nd Leg	PcD	Khaosan Road	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	Kenobi	Spitfire Overseas	1:52.3
June 16	EBC	V	KILMISTER	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	Cecil Hanover	Sevecheetah	1:52.4
June 16	EBC	V	KIERKEGAARD K	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	TILLIO'S ACTION	Chapercraz	1:50.3
June 17	Currier & Ives	Mea	Commander Frank	Mike Wilder	Norm Parker	Tailgate Buzz	Fire N Lightning	1:53.4
June 17	Currier & Ives	Mea	HERODUTUS	Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	Ron Burke	Express Man	Rumble Strips	1:55
June 17	Goodtimes Final	Moh	SOUTHWND COORS	Scott Zeron	Matthew Bax	GAINES HANOVER	TUSCAN PRINCE	1:52
June 18	PASS 2 nd Leg	PcD	BOND	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	RAILEE SOMETHING	BELLA MACCHIATO	1:51.3
June 23	Yonkers Trot Elims	Y	UP YOUR DEO	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	CHAPERCRAZ	CROWN	1:53.1
June 23	Yonkers Trot Elims	Y	KIERKEGAARD K	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	TILLIO'S ACTION	Ari Ferrari J	1:54.3
June 30	Yonkers Trot	Y						
July 1	Reynolds	M						
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July 2	PASS	Phi						
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July 8	Zweig Memorial	V						
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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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