

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN
Week Three – Issued June 12, 2024

The 2024 Hambletonian is Saturday, August 3

| RANK | HORSE | DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER | KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Karl (Tactical landing) | Yannick Gingras, Nancy Takter, Christina & Nancy Takter, Black Horse Racing, Crawford Farms Racing, Bender Sweden Inc. | Dan Patch Award winner, \$1M freshman kicked off his 3YO season with an effortless three-ply NJSS series sweep (new mark of 1:51 in final), off last week & not expected to return until end of June |
| 2 | T C I (Cantab Hall) | Dave Miller, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services Inc., Weaver Brussemi | O'Brien Award winner set earnings record for freshman trotters with \$1,238,870 (12 – 10-2-0), two-for-two this season, won 1:52.2 PASS division @ The Meadows & PASS division in 1:53.3 @ Pocono Downs, not in to go this week |
| 3 | Security Protected (Father Patrick) | Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, Mitchell Friesen, Brad Grant, Order By Stable AB | 11 – 4-2-3, \$354,754 as a 2YO, 1:53 PA All-Stars win in 3YO debut, wire-to-wire in 1:53.3 PASS division @ The Meadows, won a PASS division @ Pocono Downs in 1:54.2, not in to go this week |
| 4 | Daiquiri Hanover (Bar Hopping) | Ake Svanstedt, Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson | Valley Victory runner up with only six lifetime starts returns to Top Ten, finished a solid second to T C I in his 3YO debut, Svanstedt a two-time Hambo winner & third in 2023, not in to go this week |
| 5 | Benny J (Walner) | Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Kenneth Jacobs | Broke his maiden with a 1:53 NJSS decision over stablemate Mars Hill, then third behind stablemate Waterfall, second to Karl in NJSS Final, post seven in Big M overnight on June 14 |
| 6 | Waterfall (Walner) | Brett Beckwith, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Al Libfeld | Lightly-raced son of Walner finished second by a nose in his NJSS 3YO debut, rallied for a 1:52 win deadheat with Pantoran in Leg 2, then fifth in NJSS Final, post six in Big M overnight on June 14 |
| 7 | Mars Hill (Muscle Hill) | Todd McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Willow Oak Ranch | Runner up to T C I in 2023 Wellwood Final, kicked off 3YO season with a second in both legs of NJSS, broke & finished ninth from post eight in NJSS Final, post six in Big M overnight on June 14 |
| 8 | Pantoran (Walner) | Ake Svanstedt, Ake Svanstedt Inc., Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson | Held on for a 1:52 win deadheat with Waterfall in his 3YO debut, offered a fierce first over challenge to Karl & faded to seventh in only his fourth career start in NJSS Final, not in to go this week |
| 9 | Dame Good Time (Chapter Seven) | Scott, Zeron, Travis Alexander, John R. Cummins | Started 3YO season with Travis Alexander going two-for-two, 1:52.1 in N/W 2 @ Pocono, then 1:51.1 in NYSS @ Vernon, both with three-time Hambo winner Scott Zeron, post four in EBC division |
| 10 | Winter Soldier (Face Time Bourbon) | Dexter Dunn, Tony Alagna, Peter Alagna, Pryde Stables Inc. | 2YO record of 12 – 5-2-3 (mark of 1:53.1), 3YO debut was a solid second (1:53.1) in Big M overnight on June 1, third in a Goodtimes elimination, post eight in Goodtimes Final |

KEY PREP RACES

Hambletonian Eligibles in Caps

| Date | Stakes | Site | Winner | Driver | Trainer | 2nd Horse | 3rd Horse | Time |
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| May 11 | NJSS 1 st Leg | M | CABALLERO | Trond Smedshammer | Trond Smedshammer | WATERFALL | <i>Bella's Muscle Hill</i> | 1:54.1 |
| May 11 | NJSS 1 st Leg | M | KARL | Yannick Gingras | Nancy Takter | SOUTHWIND METRIC | <i>PICK POCKET</i> | 1:53.2 |
| May 11 | NJSS 1 st Leg | M | BENNY J | Andrew McCarthy | Tony Alagna | MARS HILL | <i>DUKE OF WALNER</i> | 1:53 |
| May 18 | NJSS 2 nd Leg | M | BRIGHT STAR | Scott Zeron | Tony Alagna | MARS HILL | <i>SOUTHWIND METRIC</i> | 1:52.1 |
| May 18 | NJSS 2 nd Leg | M | KARL | Yannick Gingras | Nancy Takter | Tony Adams S | <i>DUKE WALNER</i> | 1:52.2 |
| May 18 | NJSS 2 nd Leg | M | PANTORAN DH | Ake Svanstedt | Ake Svanstedt | | <i>BENNY J</i> | 1:52 |
| May 18 | NJSS 2 nd Leg | M | WATERFALL DH | Todd McCarthy | Tony Alagna | | <i>BENNY J</i> | 1:52 |
| May 19 | PA Allstars | Poc | SECURITY PROTECTED | Tim Tetrick | Marcus Melander | WHITE SHOE HANOVER | <i>Ordained</i> | 1:53 |
| May 19 | PA Allstars | Poc | Blackhawk Zette | Matt Kakaley | Robert Baggitt, Jr. | SKYDIVER | <i>LONGFELLOW S</i> | 1:53.3 |
| May 19 | PA Allstars | Poc | Usain Hanover | Tyler Buter | Nifty Norman | Luke The Spook | <i>FOR JULY</i> | 1:53.3 |
| May 27 | NYSS 1 st Leg | Vern | SITUATIONSHIP | Ake Svanstedt | Ake Svanstedt | It Wasnt Me | <i>THINKER MONKEY</i> | 1:52.1 |
| May 27 | NYSS 1 st Leg | Vern | WILD TICKET | Dexter Dunn | Marcus Melander | NOTTINGHAM | <i>VICTOR LASZLO</i> | 1:55.4 |
| May 27 | NYSS 1 st Leg | Vern | DAME GOOD TIME | Scott Zeron | Travis Alexander | Sir Pinocchio | <i>Devastate</i> | 1:51.1 |
| May 31 | NJSS Final | M | KARL | Yannick Gingras | Nancy Takter | BENNY J | <i>Tony Adams S</i> | 1:51 |
| May 31 | PASS 1 st Leg | Mea | SECURITY PROTECTED | Dave Palone | Marcus Melander | Blackhawk Zette | <i>Luke The Spook</i> | 1:53.3 |
| May 31 | PASS 1 st Leg | Mea | T C I | Dave Miller | Ron Burke | Ordained | <i>COORS HANOVER</i> | 1:52.2 |
| June 3 | NYSS 2 nd Leg | Mont | KEEP ASKING | Tyler Buter | George Ducharme | Super Duper Cooper | <i>NOTTINGHAM</i> | 1:56 |
| June 3 | NYSS 2 nd leg | Mont | Sir Pinocchio | Jason Bartlett | Ed Hart | FLY BY | <i>Crazy Brother Jim</i> | 1:56.3 |
| June 7 | Goodtimes Elim | Moh | Top Mast | Sylvain Filion | Dustin Jones | PICK POCKET | <i>Shermont</i> | 1:53.4 |
| June 7 | Goodtimes Elim | Moh | HIGHLAND KISMET | Bob McClure | Mark Etsell | PRIVATE ACCESS | <i>WINTER SOLDIER</i> | 1:54 |
| June 8 | PASS 2 nd Leg | Poc | SECURITY PROTECTED | Braxton Boyd | Marcus Melander | Blackhawk Zette | <i>COORS HANOVER</i> | 1:54.2 |
| June 8 | PASS 2 nd Leg | Poc | T C I | Dave Miller | Ron Burke | DAIQUIRI HANOVER | <i>Ordained</i> | 1:53.3 |
| June 14 | EBC | Vern | | | | | | |
| June 15 | Goodtimes Final | Moh | | | | | | |
| June 15 | Currier & Ives | Mea | | | | | | |

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| June 23 | Yonkers Trot Elim | Y |
| June 26 | NYSS 3 rd Leg | Buf |
| June 28 | Yonkers Trot | Y |
| June 29 | Reynolds | M |
| July 4 | Zweig Memorial | Vern |
| July 13 | Stanley Dancer Mem. | M |
| July 15 | NYSS 4 th Leg | Y |
| July 19 | PASS 3 rd Leg | Phi |
| July 20 | Tompkins-Geers | M |
| July 27 | Hambletonian Elim | M |