

Ken Warkentin's 2024 Road to the Hambletonian Week 9

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Nine – Issued July 24, 2024

The 2024 Hambletonian is Saturday, August 3

Rank	Horse	Driver, Trainer, Owner	Ken Warkentin's Comments
1	Karl (Tactical landing)	Yannick Gingras, Nancy Takter, Christina & Nancy Takter, Black Horse Racing, Crawford Farms Racing, Bender Sweden Inc.	Dan Patch Award winner kicked off his 3YO season with a three-ply NJSS series sweep, despite 29 days off cruised to equal his mark of 1:51 in a Reynolds division, parked to the half from post eight & third (1:50.2) in a Dancer division, post six in first Hambo elimination
2	T C I (Cantab Hall)	Dave Miller, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services Inc., Weaver Brusceci	O'Brien Award winner won his first two starts this season in PASS, romped in 1:53.1 over a "good" track in a Reynolds division, broke/recovered fourth in Zweig Memorial, close third (1:51.2) in a Dancer division, post one in second Hambo elimination
3	Sig Sauer (Muscle Hill)	Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley, Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco, Jaf Racing, Allister Stables, Caviart Farms	In just his second start of the season the NJSS & NJ Classic champion uncorked a 1:50 career best shocker @ 65-1 in a Dancer division, both McCarthy (Ramona Hill) & Daley (Broad Bahn) have won the Hambo, post eight in first Hambo elimination
4	Situationship (Chapter Seven)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc, Little E, Tomas Anderson	Won divisions of NYSS & EBC, both in a career best 1:52.1 @ Vernon Downs, a gallant second in Yonkers Trot Final, took charge past the half & held on for a new mark of 1:51.1 in a Dancer division, post ten in first Hambo elimination
5	Highland Kismet (Father Patrick)	Bob McClure, Mark Etsell, Highland Thoroughbred Farm Andy Miller, Julie Miller,	Unraced at two, won five of six @ Mohawk, cruised to a Goodtimes stakes record equaling 1:51.3, made it four in a row in 1:53.4 (:27) in a Mohawk overnight on June 28, struggled sixth (1:51.4) in a Dancer division, post three in first Hambo elimination
6	Secret Agent Man (Chapter Seven)	Andy Miler Stable, Plouffe Racing, Patrick Hoopes, Knutsson Trotting	Late-blooming gelding followed up a firm 1:50 statement with a decisive 1:52 win in a Tompkins-Geers division, only his ninth career start, Team Orange Crush have a second & two thirds in Hambo Finals, post three in second Hambo elimination
7	Dame Good Time (Chapter Seven)	Scott Zeron, Travis Alexander, John R. Cummins	Turned some heads with back-to-back wins in 1:52.1 @ Pocono, then 1:51.1 in NYSS @ Vernon, broke second-placed third in EBC, rebounded to win the Zweig in 1:52.3 from post nine, fourth (1:50.3) in a Dancer division, post seven in second Hambo elimination
8	Bright Star (Muscle Hill)	Scott, Zeron, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart	Romped in NJSS division in 1:52.1, fourth in NJSS Final, took a new mark of 1:52.1 in Big M overnight on June 14, runner up to Karl in Reynolds division,

		Farms, Plouffe & Riverview	rallied to win Big M qualifier, fourth in a Tompkins-Geers division, post eight in second Hambo elimination
9	Daiquiri Hanover (Bar Hopping)	Ake Svanstedt, Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson	Second to T C I in his 3YO debut, won a Big M overnight on June 21 in a career best 1:53.1, final quarter in :27, set the pace & third in Zweig Memorial, post ten in second Hambo elimination
10	Caballero (Tactical Landing)	Scott Zeron, Trond Smedshammer, Buckstone Land Livestock, Wiesman Farms	Just one start as a 2YO, lone win this season a 1:54.1 upset in NJSS division, second (1:51.1) in Dancer division with a sharp :26.3, both Tetrick & Smedshammer have been to the mountaintop, post nine in first Hambo elimination

KEY PREP RACES

Hambletonian Eligibles in Caps

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Driver	Trainer	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
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	SITUATIONSHIP	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	Sir Pinocchio	<i>THINKER MONKEY</i>	1:52.1
June 14	EBC	Vern	WILD TICKET	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	FLY BY	<i>DAME GOOD TIME</i>	1:53.3
June 15	Goodtimes Final	Moh	HIGHLAND KISMET	Bob McClure	Mark Estell	PRIVATE ACCESS	<i>Top Mast</i>	1:51.3
June 15	Currier & Ives	Mea	Splendid	Chris Lems	Todd Rooney	Father Mike	<i>I'm Out</i>	1:53.4
June 15	Currier & Ives	Mea	SPAAANZANO	Aaron Merriman	Chris Beaver	Memorynimagination	<i>Bird And Grenade</i>	1:53.3

June 21	Yonkers Trot Elim	Y	BARGAIN	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	FLY BY	<i>I'm Out</i>	1:54.3
June 28	Yonkers Trot	Y	Sir Pinocchio	Jason Bartlett	Ed Hart	SITUATIONSHIP	<i>BARGAIN</i>	1:54.4
June 29	Reynolds	M	KARL	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	BRIGHT STAR	<i>French Kronos</i>	1:51
June 29	Reynolds	M	T C I	Dave Miller	Ron Burke	Tony Adams S	<i>CABALLERO</i>	1:53.1
July 4	Zweig Memorial	Vern	DAME GOOD TIME	Scott Zeron	Travis Alexander	AMAZING CATCH	<i>DAIQUIRI HANOVER</i>	1:52.3
July 13	Stanley Dancer Mem.	M	SIG SAUER	Andrew McCarthy	Noel Daley	Tony Adams S	<i>KARL</i>	1:50
July 13	Stanley Dancer Mem.	M	SITUATIONSHIP	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	CABALLERO	<i>T C I</i>	1:51.1
July 19	PASS 3 rd Leg	Phi	SUPERNOVA HANOVER	Todd McCarthy	Per Engblom	Luke The Spook	<i>GREENSPAN</i>	1:53
July 20	Tompkins-Geers	M	SECRET AGENT MAN	Andy Miller	Julie Miller	French Kronos	<i>Bryant Bros S</i>	1:52
July 27	Hambletonian Elim	M						