

# ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Two – Issued Thursday, June 8

The 2023 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 5

RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	<b>VOLUME EIGHT</b> (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, scheduled to qualify June 14 @ Magical Acres, then June 23 @ Big M, first start July 1, plan is Hambo will be his fifth
2	<b>SPECIAL WAY</b> (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
3	<b>AIR POWER</b> (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 shook loose late to capture the NJSS Final in a career best 1:50.4
4	<b>OH WELL</b> (MUSCLE HILL)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable	Won 2022 NJSS Final in 1:53.1, Mohawk Million & NJ Classic A Final & banked \$748,380, second (1:52.2) in 3YO debut, just missed in 1:52, then finished second again in the NJSS Final
5	<b>BOND</b> (SOUTHWIND FRANK)	Ake Svanstedt, Little E, L. Berg Inc.	Filly finished 2022 with six straight wins, including PASS Championship, Kindergarten Classic & Goldsmith Maid, took a mark of 1:52.3 & banked \$587,264, wire-to-wire from post eight in PA Allstars division @ Pocono on June 4 in a career best 1:52.3
6	<b>UP YOUR DEO</b> (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 & Walner in Top 10
7	<b>TACTICAL APPROACH</b> (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, forced wide off dull cover in a deadheat for fourth in the NJSS Final
8	<b>KILMISTER</b> (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 on May 29, drew the rail in a NYSS division @ Tioga Downs on June 9
9	<b>WALNER PAYTON</b> (WALNER)	Dexter Dunn, Chris Ryder, Kenneth Jacobs	Dominated NJSS Final at two, mark of 1:52.2 in ISS division @ The Red Mile, won her 3YO debut in 1:51.4, second to Special Way, then finished third in the NJSS Final
10	<b>CELEBRITY BAMBINO</b> (MUSCLE HILL)	Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, J & T Silva Stables, Knox Services, Phil Collura	Breeders Crown elimination winner in 1:53.2, second (1:52.2) in his 3YO debut, then fourth (1:52.3), stung early in a deadheat for fourth in the NJSS Final

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Leg	M	WALNER PAYTON	Dexter Dunn	Chris Ryder	BLONDE BOMBSHELL	SECRET VOLO	1:51.4
May 13	NJSS 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	M	AIR POWER	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	Ari Ferrari J	Dire Straits	1:51
May 13	NJSS 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	M	SPECIAL WAY	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	MAMBACITA	CHECK HER OUT	1:53.1
May 13	NJSS 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	M	TACTICAL APPROACH	Scott Zeron	Nancy Takter	OH WELL	CELEBRITY BAMBINO	1:52.1
May 20	NJSS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	M	SECRET VOLO	Brian Sears	Marcus Melander	MAMBACITA	Tactical Mounds	1:53.2
May 20	NJSS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	M	SPECIAL WAY	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	WALNER PAYTON	BLONDE BOMBSHELL	1:53.4
May 20	NJSS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	M	UP YOUR DEO	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	OH WELL	TACTICAL APPROACH	1:52
May 29	NYSS 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	V	Cecil Hanover	Mark MacDonald	Ake Svanstedt	THE GRUFFALO	CROWN	1:52.3
May 29	NYSS 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Leg	Mea	FATHER STOSH	Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	Jill Roland	CHAMBA	Commander Frank	1:53.4
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June 3	PASS 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	Mea	Saint Louie	Dave Palone	Ake Svanstedt	ONCE IN A LIFETIME	Sintra De Vie	1:54
June 9	NYSS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	TD						
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June 9	Goodtimes Elims	Moh						
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June 17	Goodtimes Final	Moh						
June 17	Currier & Ives	Mea						
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June 16	EBC	V
June 16	EBC	V
June 18	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 <sup>rd</sup> Leg	Buf
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July 22	Tompkins-Geers	M
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July 29	Hambo Elimination	M
July 29	Hambo Elimination	M