

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Six – Issued Wednesday, July 5

The 2023 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 5

RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	AIR POWER (MUSCLE HILL)	Mattias Melander, Marcus Melander, Amg Stable Inc., Rick Wahlstedt, Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable	Won his 3YO debut in 1:52.1, upset Ari Ferrari J in a 1:51 NJSS division, then took the NJSS Final in a career best 1:50.4, rallied from a tough spot in :25.3 to finish second in a Reynolds division
2	SPECIAL WAY (WALNER)	Ake Svanstedt, Brittany Farms, Marvin Katz, Al Libfeld	Dan Patch Award winner, three-for-three in 2023 (10 in a row) with a career best 1:51.4 in the NJSS Final, scratched out of a July 1 Big M qualifier with a minor issue & qualifies in a couple of weeks
3	KIERKEGAARD K (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc.	Wire-to-wire in 1:53 NYSS, equaled the Vernon Downs all-age track record of 1:50.3 in an EBC division, dominated a Yonkers Trot elimination in 1:54.3, broke/sixth in the Final, reportedly hit his knee, he's fine & connections agree he's more of a big-track horse
4	BOND (SOUTHWIND FRANK)	Ake Svanstedt, Little E, L. Berg Inc.	Prolific filly finished 2022 with six straight wins, three-for-three this season, wire-to-wire in PA Allstars @ Pocono in 1:52.3, lowered her mark to 1:51.4 in PASS @ Pocono, dominated a Reynolds division from post eight in 1:53.1 (:26.4)
5	UP YOUR DEO (WALNER)	Ake Svanstedt, Suleyman Yuksel Stables, Deo Volente Farms, Van Camp Trotting Corp.	Broke his maiden in his 3YO debut @ The Big M from post 11 in 1:52 in the slop, third going first over in the NJSS Final, set a track record of 1:53.1 in a Yonkers Trot elimination, won Final in 1:53.3
6	CELEBRITY BAMBINO (MUSCLE HILL)	Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, J & T Silva Stables, Knox Services, Phil Collura	Breeders Crown elimination winner at two, deadheated for fourth in the NJSS Final, fresh off the bench rallied in :26.3 to take a new mark of 1:51.3 in a Reynolds division
7	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, second (1:51.4) in a Reynolds division
8	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
9	VOLUME EIGHT (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley, Sjoblom Racing, Joe Sbrocco, LA Express & JAF Racing, Mario Mazza, Winning Key	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, finished fifth (1:53.4) in his 3YO debut
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, 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, post three in Zweig Memorial

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
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	SOUTHWIND 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	UP YOUR DEO	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	CHAPERCRAZ	Ari Ferrari J	1:53.3
July 1	Reynolds	M	WINNER'S BET	Dexter Dunn	Domenico Cecere	AIR POWER	UPSTAGED	1:52.2
July 1	Reynolds	M	CELEBRITY BAMBINO	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	OH WELL	TACTICAL	1:51.3
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July 2	PASS	Phi	FRENCH WINE	Andy Miller	Julie Miller	Saint Louie	INTER MISCHIEF	1:53.3
July 2	PASS	Phi	ONCE IN A LIFETIME	Tim Tetrick	Jim Campbell	Squared Away	Khaosan Road	1:53.3
July 8	Zweig Memorial	V						
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July 15	Stanley Dancer	M						
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July 15	Del Miller	M						
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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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