

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN
Week Nine – Issued Thursday, July 27

The 2023 Hambletonian will take place Saturday, August 5

East Rutherford, NJ – Oh Well and Air Power are 1-2 in Ken Warkentin's Week 9 Road to the Hambletonian. Both are trained by Marcus Melander and are in separate Hambletonian elimination races this Saturday, July 29.

RANK	HORSE	DRIVER, TRAINER, OWNER	KEN WARKENTIN'S COMMENTS
1	OH WELL (MUSCLE HILL)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable	Second (1:52.2) in 3YO debut, then just missed in 1:52, second in NJSS Final, second (1:51.4) in a Reynolds division, new mark of 1:51.2 in a Dancer division, post two in first Hambo elimination
2	AIR POWER (MUSCLE HILL)	Orjan Kihlstrom, Marcus Melander, Amg Stable Inc., Rick Wahlstedt, Kenneth Kjellgren, Heights Stable	Won his 3YO debut in 1:52.1, then a 1:51 NJSS division, career best 1:50.4 NJSS Final, second with a :25.3 in a Reynolds division, broke & sixth-placed eighth in Stanley Dancer Memorial division, post six in second Hambo elimination
3	KIERKEGAARD K (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc.	Equaled Vernon Downs all-age track record of 1:50.3 in an EBC division, won Yonkers Trot elimination in 1:54.3, broke/sixth in that Final, second (1:51.4) in a Stanley Dancer Memorial division, post five in first Hambo elimination
4	UP YOUR DEO (WALNER)	Ake Svanstedt, Suleyman Yuksel Stables, Deo Volente Farms, Van Camp Trotting Corp.	First win in 3YO debut @ The Big M from post 11 in 1:52 in slop, gutsy third (1:51) in NJSS Final, set a track record of 1:53.1 in a Yonkers Trot elimination, romped in 1:53.3 Final, post three in second Hambo elimination
5	WINNER'S BET (WALNER)	Dexter Dunn, Domenico Cecere, Lindy Farms of Conn, Robert Rudolph	William Wellwood Memorial winner two for-two on Lasix as a 3YO, Reynolds division in 1:52.2, shot home in :26.1 for a new mark of 1:51 in a Dancer division, post ten in second Hambo elimination
6	KILMISTER (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Brian Sears, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc.	Peter Haughton Memorial winner, won an EBC division in 1:52.4 (:26.3), strong second (1:51) in a Dancer division, post ten in first Hambo elimination
7	SOUTHWIND COORS (WALNER)	James MacDonald, Matthew Bax, Bax Stable, Glengate Farms, David Richard Hudson, Craig Wilson	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, cruised in 1:52.4 overnight @ Mohawk on July 10, post eight in first Hambo elimination
8	TACTICAL APPROACH (TACTICAL LANDING)	Scott Zeron, Nancy Takter, Robert Leblanc, John Fielding, Joe Sbrocco & Jaf Racing	Won his first two 3YO starts, a 1:52.1 NJSS division, deadheat fourth in NJSS Final, took 1:51.1 mark on June 23, third (1:51.4) in Reynolds division, third (1:51.1) in Dancer division, post eight in second Hambo elimination
9	GAINES HANOVER (CANTAB HALL)	Louis Roy, Claude Cadieux, Gestion J Y Blais Inc.	O'Brien Award & Breeders Crown winner, won a Goodtimes elimination in a career best 1:52.1, nosed out in that final, broke/ninth in a Dancer division, post nine in first Hambo elimination
10	CELEBRITY BAMBINO (MUSCLE HILL)	Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, J & T Silva Stables, Knox Services, Phil Collura	Deadheaded for fourth in the NJSS Final, rallied in :26.3 to take a new mark of 1:51.3 in a Reynolds division, fourth (1:51.4) in a Dancer division, post five in second Hambo elimination

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	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	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 APPROACH	1:51.3
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	Ari Ferrari J	Dexter Dunn	Tony Alagna	CHAPERCRAZ	Cecil Hanover	1:51
July 15	Stanley Dancer	M	OH WELL	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	KIERKEGAARD K	FRENCH WINE	1:51.2
July 15	Stanley Dancer	M	WINNER'S BET	Dexter Dunn	Domenico Cecere	KILMISTER	TACTICAL APPROACH	1:51
July 15	Del Miller	M	QUICK STOP	Tim Tetrick	Anette Lorentzon	INSTAGRAM MODEL	SECRET VOLO	1:52.2
July 15	Del Miller	M	HEAVEN HANOVER	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	Rose Run Yolanda	BOND	1:51.3
July 22	Tompkins-Geers	M	POINT OF PERFECT	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	Khaosan Road	EXCALIBER BI	1:52.2
July 22	Tompkins-Geers	M	Ari Ferrari J	Dexter Dunn	Tony Alagna	Saint Louie	CHALLENGER	1:51
July 29	Hambo Elimination	M						
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