

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Five – Issued June 26, 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, \$1M freshman kicked off his 3YO season with an effortless three-ply NJSS series sweep (new mark of 1:51 in final), trained sharply @ Big M on June 14, last raced on May 31 & drew post 6 in W.N. Reynolds division
2	T C I (CANTAB HALL)	Dave Miller, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services Inc., Weaver Brusceri	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, drew post 6 in W.N. Reynolds division
3	HIGHLAND KISMET (FATHER PATRICK)	Bob McClure, Mark Etsell, Highland Thoroughbred Farm	Unraced at two, has come bursting on the scene winning four of five @ Mohawk, cruised to a Goodtimes stakes record equaling 1:51.3 for 2019 Hambo winning driver Bob McClure, drew post seven in a Mohawk overnight (Race 10) on June 28
4	SECURITY PROTECTED (FATHER PATRICK)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, Mitchell Friesen, Brad Grant, Order By Stable AB	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, 3-2 ML favorite from the rail in Yonkers Trot Final, "He's always been a pretty nice, handy horse, and this year he's more mature and a true professional," said Tetrick.
5	SITUATIONSHIP (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc, Little E, Tomas Anderson	Developed into a Grand Circuit player as a freshman, two-for-two this season, won divisions of NYSS & EBC, both in a career best 1:52.1 @ Vernon Downs, drew post eight in Yonkers Trot Final
6	DAIQUIRI HANOVER (BAR HOPPING)	Ake Svanstedt, Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson	Valley Victory runner up finished a solid second to T C I in his 3YO debut, held off stablemate Amazing Catch to win a Big M overnight on June 21 in a career best 1:53.1, final quarter in :27, not in to go
7	BRIGHT STAR (MUSCLE HILL)	Scott, Zeron, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms, Plouffe & Riverview	Romped in a NJSS division in 1:52.1, fourth in NJSS Final, took a new mark of 1:52.1 in a Big M overnight on June 14 with three-time Hambo winner Scott Zeron, post eight in W.N. Reynolds division
8	MARS HILL (MUSCLE HILL)	Todd McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Willow Oak Ranch	Second in both legs of NJSS, broke/ninth from post eight in NJSS Final, rebounded to upset older foes with career best 1:53 in Big M overnight on June 14, not in to go
9	BENNY J (WALNER)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Kenneth Jacobs	Broke his maiden with a 1:53 NJSS decision over stablemate Mars Hill, then third to Waterfall & second to Karl in NJSS Final, eighth in Big M overnight on June 14, post three in W.N. Reynolds division
10	WATERFALL (WALNER)	Todd McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Al Libfeld	Second by a nose in his NJSS 3YO debut, rallied for a 1:52 win deadheat in Leg 2, then fifth in NJSS Final, fourth after a tough trip in Big M overnight on June 14, post eight in W.N. Reynolds division

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	Bella's Muscle Hill	1:54.1
May 11	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	KARL	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	SOUTHWIND METRIC	PICK POCKET	1:53.2
May 11	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	BENNY J	Andrew McCarthy	Tony Alagna	MARS HILL	DUKE OF WALNER	1:53
May 18	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	BRIGHT STAR	Scott Zeron	Tony Alagna	MARS HILL	SOUTHWIND METRIC	1:52.1
May 18	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	KARL	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	Tony Adams S	DUKE WALNER	1:52.2
May 18	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	PANTORAN DH	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt		BENNY J	1:52
May 18	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M	WATERFALL DH	Todd McCarthy	Tony Alagna		BENNY J	1:52
May 19	PA Allstars	Poc	SECURITY PROTECTED	Tim Tetrick	Marcus Melander	WHITE SHOE HANOVER	Ordained	1:53
May 19	PA Allstars	Poc	Blackhawk Zette	Matt Kakaley	Robert Baggitt, Jr.	SKYDIVER	LONGFELLOW S	1:53.3
May 19	PA Allstars	Poc	Usain Hanover	Tyler Buter	Nifty Norman	Luke The Spook	FOR JULY	1:53.3
May 27	NYSS 1 st Leg	Vern	SITUATIONSHIP	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	It Wasnt Me	THINKER MONKEY	1:52.1
May 27	NYSS 1 st Leg	Vern	WILD TICKET	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	NOTTINGHAM	VICTOR LASZLO	1:55.4
May 27	NYSS 1 st Leg	Vern	DAME GOOD TIME	Scott Zeron	Travis Alexander	Sir Pinocchio	Devastate	1:51.1
May 31	NJSS Final	M	KARL	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	BENNY J	Tony Adams S	1:51

May31	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	SECURITY PROTECTED	Dave Palone	Marcus Melander	Blackhawk Zette	Luke The Spook	1:53.3
May31	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	T C I	Dave Miller	Ron Burke	Ordained	COORS HANOVER	1:52.2
June3	NYSS 2 nd Leg	Mont	KEEP ASKING	Tyler Buter	George Ducharme	Super Duper Cooper	NOTTINGHAM	1:56
June3	NYSS 2 nd leg	Mont	Sir Pinocchio	Jason Bartlett	Ed Hart	FLY BY	Crazy Brother Jim	1:56.3
June7	Goodtimes Elim	Moh	Top Mast	Sylvain Fillion	Dustin Jones	PICK POCKET	Shermont	1:53.4
June7	Goodtimes Elim	Moh	HIGHLAND KISMET	Bob McClure	Mark Etsell	PRIVATE ACCESS	WINTER SOLDIER	1:54
June8	PASS 2 nd Leg	Poc	SECURITY PROTECTED	Braxton Boyd	Marcus Melander	Blackhawk Zette	COORS HANOVER	1:54.2
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June14	EBC	Vern	SITUATIONSHIP	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	Sir Pinocchio	THINKER MONKEY	1:52.1
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June15	Goodtimes Final	Moh	HIGHLAND KISMET	Bob McClure	Mark Estell	PRIVATE ACCESS	Top Mast	1:51.3
June15	Currier & Ives	Mea	Splendid	Chris Lems	Todd Rooney	Father Mike	I'm Out	1:53.4
June15	Currier & Ives	Mea	SPAAANZANO	Aaron Merriman	Chris Beaver	Memoryimagination	Bird And Grenade	1:53.3
June21	Yonkers Trot Elim	Y	BARGAIN	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	FLY BY	I'm Out	1:54.3
June26	NYSS 3 rd Leg	Buf						
June28	Yonkers Trot	Y						