

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN
Week Two – Issued June 5, 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 capped a \$1M freshman campaign with a 1:52.1 stakes record in Valley Victory, also won Breeders Crown, kicked off his 3YO season with an effortless three-ply NJSS series sweep, will take a few weeks off & stay at The Big M
2	T C I (Cantab Hall)	Dave Miller, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services Inc., Weaver Brussemi	O'Brien Award winner set earnings record for freshman trotters with \$1,238,870 (12 – 10-2-0), jogged in two Big M qualifiers (1:54.1 & 1:53.2), then romped in 1:52.2 PASS division @ The Meadows, post six in PASS @ Pocono Downs on June 8
3	Security Protected (Father Patrick)	Tim Tetrick, Marcus Melander, Mitchell Friesen, Brad Grant, Order By Stable AB	1:52.4 Grand Circuit winner, 11 – 4-2-3, \$354,754 as a 2YO, 1:53 PA All-Stars win in 3YO debut, wire-to-wire in 1:53.3 PASS division @ The Meadows, post three in PASS @ Pocono Downs on June 8
4	Benny J (Walner)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Kenneth Jacobs	Broke his maiden with a 1:53 NJSS decision over stablemate Mars Hill, then finished third behind stablemate Waterfall, second beaten seven lengths by Karl in NJSS Final, not in to go this week
5	Waterfall (Walner)	Brett Beckwith, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Al Libfeld	Lightly-raced son of Walner finished second by a nose in his NJSS 3YO debut, rallied for a 1:52 win deadheat with Pantoran in Leg 2, then fifth in NJSS Final, not in to go this week
6	Mars Hill (Muscle Hill)	Todd McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Willow Oak Ranch	Runner up to T C I in Wellwood Final, kicked off 3YO season with a second in both legs of NJSS, broke & finished ninth from post eight in NJSS Final, not in to go this week
7	Pantoran (Walner)	Ake Svanstedt, Ake Svanstedt Inc., Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson	Held on for a 1:52 win deadheat with Waterfall in his 3YO debut, offered a fierce first over challenge to Karl & faded to seventh in only his fourth career start in NJSS Final, not in to go this week
8	Dame Good Time (Chapter Seven)	Scott, Zeron, Travis Alexander, John R. Cummins	Started 3YO season with Travis Alexander going two-for-two, 1:52.1 in N/W 2 @ Pocono, then 1:51.1 in NYSS @ Vernon, both with three-time Hambo winner Scott Zeron, not in to go this week
9	Winter Soldier (Face Time Bourbon) \	Dexter Dunn, Tony Alagna, Peter Alagna, Pryde Stables Inc.	2YO record of 12 – 5-2-3 (mark of 1:53.1), second (1:55.3) to Sig Sauer in Big M qualifier on May 25, solid runner up (1:53.1) in Big M overnight on June 1, post three in Goodtimes elimination on June 7
10	Sig Sauer (Muscle Hill)	Andrew McCarthy, Noel Daley, Patricia Stable, Joe Sbrocco & JAF Racing, Allister Stables, Caviart Farms	Won NJSS & NJ Classic Finals, earned \$279,500 with a mark of 1:53.3, won Big M qualifier in 1:55.3 on May 25, not in to go for second straight week

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>LONGFELLOWS</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						
June 8	PASS 2 nd Leg	Poc						
June 14	EBC	Vern						
June 15	Goodtimes Final	Moh						
June 15	Currier & Ives	Mea						
June 23	Yonkers Trot Elim	Y						
June 26	NYSS 3 rd Leg	Buf						
June 28	Yonkers Trot	Y						
June 29	Reynolds	M						
July 4	Zweig Memorial	Vern						

July 13	Stanley Dancer Mem.	M
July 15	NYSS 4 th Leg	Y
July 19	PASS 3 rd Leg	Phi