

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN

Week Six – Issued July 3, 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, despite 29 days off cruised to equal his lifetime mark of 1:51 in W.N. Reynolds division to go four-for-four this season
2	T C I (CANTAB HILL)	Dave Miller, Ron Burke, Burke Racing Stable, Hatfield Stables, Knox Services Inc., Weaver Brusceri	O'Brien Award winner set earnings record for freshman trotters, won a 1:52.2 PASS division @ The Meadows & PASS division in 1:53.3 @ Pocono Downs, romped to an easy 1:53.1 win over a "good" track in W.N. Reynolds division making him three-for-three in 2024, post four in Zweig Memorial
3	HIGHLAND KISMET (FATHER PATRICK)	Bob McClure, Mark Etsell, Highland Thoroughbred Farm	Unraced at two, has come bursting on the scene winning five of six @ Mohawk, cruised to a Goodtimes stakes record equaling 1:51.3 for 2019 Hambo winning driver Bob McClure, easily made it four in a row in 1:53.4 (:27) in a Mohawk overnight on June 28
4	SITUATIONSHIP (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Ake Svanstedt, Knutsson Trotting Inc, Little E, Tomas Anderson	Won divisions of NYSS & EBC, both in a career best 1:52.1 @ Vernon Downs, broke briefly from post eight & overcame a tough trip to finish a gallant second in Yonkers Trot Final, not in to go
5	BRIGHT STAR (MUSCLE HILL)	Scott, Zeron, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Pryde Stables Inc, Caviart Farms, Plouffe & Rivenview	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, solid runner up up to Karl from post eight in W.N. Reynolds division, no in to go
6	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, broke on the first turn & finished seventh as the even money favorite in Yonkers Trot Final, post two in Zweig Memorial
7	DAIQUIRI HANOVER (BAR HOPPING)	Ake Svanstedt, Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson	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, post five in Zweig Memorial
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, did not race last two weeks, post three in Big M qualifier #14 on July 6
9	BENNY J (WALNER)	Andrew McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Kenneth Jacobs	First win 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, sixth in a W.N. Reynolds division, not in to go
10	WATERFALL (WALNER)	Todd McCarthy, Tony Alagna, Brittany Farms, Al Libfeld	Second by a nose in 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, fourth from post eight in W.N. Reynolds division, not in to go

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
May 31	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	SECURITY PROTECTED	Dave Palone	Marcus Melander	Blackhawk Zette	Luke The Spook	1:53.3
May 31	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	T C I	Dave Miller	Ron Burke	Ordained	COORS HANOVER	1:52.2
June 3	NYSS 2 nd Leg	Mont	KEEP ASKING	Tyler Buter	George Ducharme	Super Duper Cooper	NOTTINGHAM	1:56
June 3	NYSS 2 nd leg	Mont	Sir Pinocchio	Jason Bartlett	Ed Hart	FLY BY	Crazy Brother Jim	1:56.3
June 7	Goodtimes Elim	Moh	Top Mast	Sylvain Filion	Dustin Jones	PICK POCKET	Shermont	1:53.4
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June 8	PASS 2 nd Leg	Poc	SECURITY PROTECTED	Braxton Boyd	Marcus Melander	Blackhawk Zette	COORS HANOVER	1:54.2
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June 14	EBC	Vern	SITUATIONSHIP	Ake Svanstedt	Ake Svanstedt	Sir Pinocchio	THINKER MONKEY	1:52.1
June 14	EBC	Vern	WILD TICKET	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	FLY BY	DAME GOOD TIME	1:53.3
June 15	Goodtimes Final	Moh	HIGHLAND KISMET	Bob McClure	Mark Estell	PRIVATE ACCESS	Top Mast	1:51.3
June 15	Currier & Ives	Mea	Splendid	Chris Lems	Todd Rooney	Father Mike	I'm Out	1:53.4
June 15	Currier & Ives	Mea	SPAAANZANO	Aaron Merriman	Chris Beaver	Memorynimagination	Bird And Grenade	1:53.3
June 21	Yonkers Trot Elim	Y	BARGAIN	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter	FLY BY	I'm Out	1:54.3
June 28	Yonkers Trot	Y	Sir Pinocchio	Jason Bartlett	Ed Hart	SITUATIONSHIP	BARGAIN	1:54.4
June 29	Reynolds	M	KARL	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter			