

ROAD TO THE HAMBLETONIAN
Week Seven – Issued July 10, 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 a 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, post eight in first Dancer 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 won a 1:52.2 PASS division @ The Meadows, a 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, broke/recovered to finish fourth in Zweig Memorial, post two in second Dancer division
3	HIGHLAND KISMET (FATHER PATRICK)	Bob McClure, Mark Etsell, Highland Thoroughbred Farm	Unraced at two, has won 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, post five in second Dancer division
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, post six in second Dancer division
5	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, solid runner up to Karl from post eight in W.N. Reynolds division, not in to go
6	DAME GOOD TIME (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Scott Zeron, Travis Alexander, John R. Cummins	Initially turned some heads with back-to-back wins in 1:52.1 @ Pocono, then 1:51.1 in NYSS @ Vernon, broke second-placed third in the EBC, rebounded to win the Zweig in 1:52.3 from post nine, post three in first Dancer division
7	DAIQUIRI HANOVER (BAR HOPPING)	Ake Svanstedt, Stable Why Not, Tomas Anderson	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, set the pace & finished third in Zweig Memorial, not in to go
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, reeled off 1:52.4 Big M qualifier on July 6, post six in first Dancer division
9	AMAZING CATCH (WALNER)	Dexter Dunn, Ake Svanstedt, Al Libfeld, Marvin & Lynn Katz, Sam Goldband	Won his 3YO debut in 1:53.4 in an overnight @ Pocono, a close second to stablemate Daiquiri Hanover, then a gutsy runner up in the Zweig, post four in first Dancer division
10	SECRET AGENT MAN (CHAPTER SEVEN)	Andy Miller, Julie Miller, Andy Miller Stable, Plouffe Racing, Patrick Hoopes, Knutsson Trotting	Late-blooming gelding put it all together with a career best 1:50.3 statement win in a 3YO overnight @ The Big M on July 6, Team Orange Crush have had a second & two thirds in Hambo Finals, 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
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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	Memorynimation	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					