

2025 HAMBLETONIAN
Road to the Hambletonian Top 10 Presented by FanDuel – Week 1
The 100th Hambletonian will take place Saturday, Aug. 2

Rank	Horse	Driver, Trainer, Owner	Ken Warkentin's Comments
1	Maryland (Chapter Seven)	Dexter Dunn, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc, PCW Racing, Holly Lane Stud East LTD, SStewartRThorn Stable	Dan Patch Award winner with major victories in William Wellwood Memorial, Peter Haughton Memorial, Mohawk Million, Breeders Crown & Kindergarten Finals, two Big M qualifiers so far, broke on May 31, makes 3YO debut in EBC @ Vernon Downs on June 13
2	Super Chapter (Chapter Seven)	Dexter Dunn, Marcus Melander, Jeffrey Snyder, Arthur Pronti	Won KYSS Final, International Stallion Stake division, second in Valley Victory for three-time Hambo runner up Marcus Melander, jogged in 3YO debut in NYSS @ Vernon Downs in 1:53.3 (:26.3), heading for EBC @ Vernon Downs on June 13
3	Monserate (Chapter Seven)	Dave Miller, Andrew Harris, William Pollock, Bruce Areman, Andrew Harris	Upset Super Chapter in the Valley Victory Final, close second to Maryland in the Kindergarten Final, Hall of Famer Dave Miller seeks that elusive first Hambletonian, won both Big M qualifiers in 1:54.1 & 1:54, then finished second to Super Chapter on May 26
4	Maximus Mearas S (Chapter Seven)	Scott Zeron, Lucas Wallin, Kjell Magne Andersen	Won a Bluegrass division & Breeders Crown elimination, second by a neck to Maryland in the Breeders Crown Final, Scott Zeron goes for the Hambletonian grand slam, Lucas Wallin finished sixth with heavily favorite Rebuff in 2022, hasn't resurfaced in 2025
5	Emoticon Legacy (Walner)	Louis Roy, Luc Blais, Determination	Won eliminations for William Wellwood Memorial & Breeders Crown & Champlain Stakes division, Luc Blais trained 2019 Hambletonian upsetter Forbidden Trade, won three straight Mohawk qualifiers in 1:57.2, 1:58.2 & 1:57 ... post five in second Goodtimes elimination
6	Variegated (Chapter Seven)	Dexter Dunn, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable	Rallied to a \$113.00 shocker in a 2024 NYSS Final, two-for-two as a 3YO, won the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1:53.1 @ Plainridge & crushed a NYSS division at Vernon Downs in a career best 1:52.1, next up is EBC @ Vernon Downs on June 13

7	Go Dog Go (Greenshoe)	Todd McCarthy, Carter Pinske, Wiesman Farms, Al Libfeld	Third in the Breeders Crown & Valley Victory, runner up to Super Chapter in the KYSS Final, Todd McCarthy shocked the 2022 Hambletonian with Cool Papa Bell with a record 52-1, two Big M qualifiers – third in 1:57.2, then won in 1:54.2 (:26.2) ... makes 3YO debut from post one in PASS division @ Pocono on June 8
8	Hidalgo (Muscle Hill)	Yannick Gingras, Ron Burke, Brixton Medical Inc. Hatfield Stables	Second to Maryland in the Peter Haughton Memorial, Yannick Gingras won his first Hambletonian in 2024 with Karl, Ron Burke was second twice with Mission Brief & Southwind Frank, broke in his first two starts of 2024, won a NJSS division in a career best 1:53.1 ... post seven in NJSS division @ Big M on June 6
9	Meshuggah (Greenshoe)	Scott Zeron, Marcus Melander, Courant Inc	PASS champion, third in the Mohawk Million – Scott Zeron's three Hambletonians = Marion Marauder, Atlanta & Tactical Approach, second (1:53) in a PASS division, then second (1:53.3) in a PA Allstars split ... post five in PASS division @ Pocono on June 8
10	Blank (Gimpanzee)	Andrew McCarthy, Marcus Melander, S R F Stable, Holly Lane Stud East LTD	Second placed first in a Bluegrass division, close third in a Breeders Crown elimination, Andrew McCarthy & Ramona Hill equaled the 1:50.1 stakes record in 2020 – Marcus Melander has five in our Top Ten, two Big M qualifiers – fifth (1:54.4) & second (1:55) ... post one in second Goodtimes elimination @ Mohawk on June 6

KEY PREP RACES

Hambletonian eligibles in caps

Date	Stakes	Site	Winner	Driver	Trainer	2nd Horse	3rd Horse	Time
May 3	Dexter Cup	M	HARD SEVEN	Todd McCarthy	Nancy Takter	MY DEGENERATE	CIVILIAN DRONE	1:53.4
May 9	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	The Fix Is In	Charlie Norris	Charlie Norris	HEY PORTER	BOMBAY TOM	1:54.4
May 9	PASS 1 st Leg	Mea	Big Shoes	Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.	Ron Burke	MESHUGGAH	Arrowhead Hanover	1:52.4
May 15	Battle of Bunker Hill	PP	VARIEGATED	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	Global Sensation	MY DEGENERATE	1:53.1
May 18	PA Allstars	Poc	Give Me A Yankee	Simon Allard	Mark Akins	GREEN MEL	Golazo	1:55
May 18	PA Allstars	Poc	Frank Leahy	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	BOMBAY TOM	Honolulu Hanover	1:54
May 18	PA Allstars	Poc	LEFTIES RIGHTIES	Braxton Boyd	Jenny Melander	MESHUGGAH	HEY PORTER	1:53.3
May 24	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	TRAVOLTA HANOVER	Dexter Dunn	Nancy Takter	TE QUIERO LINDY	MOUNTCASTLE	1:54.4
May 24	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	HIDALGO	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke	SKY LEGACY	MY DEGENERATE	1:53.1
May 24	NJSS 1 st Leg	M	PRECISE LANDING	Tim Tetrick	Dan Daley	GO BOOM	NIGHT PHANTOM	1:54
May 26	NYSS 1 st Leg	Ver	SUPER CHAPTER	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	MONSERRATE	Seven Layer	1:53.3
May 26	NYSS 1 st Leg	Ver	VARIEGATED	Dexter Dunn	Marcus Melander	Global Sensation	KARINCHAK	1:52.3
June 2	NYSS 2 nd Leg	Mon	Bjm's Lil Man	Tyler Buter	John Berger	Seven Layer	Seismic Step	1:55.4
June 6	Goodtimes Elims	MO						
June 6	NJSS 2 nd Leg	M						

June PASS Poc
8 2nd Leg

June NJSS Final M
13

June EBC Final Ver
13

June Goodtimes MO
14 Final

June Yonkers Y
20 Trot Elims

June KYSS OG
23 1st Leg

June NYSS Buf
25 3rd Leg

June Yonkers Y
27 Trot

June Reynolds M
28

June Currier & Mea
28 Ives

July Zweig Ver
3 Memorial

July KYSS OG
7 2nd Leg

July PASS Phl
11 3rd Leg

July Stanley
12 Dancer