

## Dream Baby Dream (Muscle Hill – I Believe – Andover Hall)



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Dream Baby Dream, racing in the first elimination, followed in the cover flow from fourth-over and got up late to finish fifth and secure a spot in the Hambletonian Oaks elimination. She was five lengths behind Ariana G at the wire and was timed in 1:52.3. She was driven by Rod Allen, who also trains, bred, and co-owns her with partner Joseph Palermo III. If she were to win the final, she would be Allen and Palermo's first Hambletonian Oaks champion.

I Believe, the dam of Dream Baby Dream, is out of the great CR Kay Suzie, who opted to take on the boys in the 1995 Hambletonian, but with Rod Allen driving, broke stride past the opening quarter in her elimination heat and did not advance to the final.

"There are a lot of fillies in there that can close," said Allen post-race. "I've got to get better position right off the gate. The draw makes a lot more difference to my filly than most. So all we can do is hope for a good draw. She can step out of there a little bit, but not like some of those other fillies. There are some fillies that can leave like rockets. My filly is a better closer. I've just got to take what comes sometimes.

"This is beyond my expectations. I'm just glad to be able to race in it."

Dream Baby Dream has three career wins, including the Mary Reynolds this year at the Meadowlands in 1:52.3, which stands as her lifetime mark. She was also third to Ariana G in both the New Jersey Sire Stakes final and their Del Miller Memorial division at The Big M. She has earned \$73,892 lifetime.