

FEED YOUR HEAD (Muscle Hill – Flawless Bluestone – Donerail)



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The second of two Oaks starters for trainer Jimmy Takter, Feed Your Head enters off a second-place finish in her elimination for the Hambletonian Oaks (to **Magic Presto**).

Last season, she raced 15 times with three wins and \$92,763 earned. Her wins came in two preliminaries of the Kindergarten Classic and in the \$30,000 Marion Dancer Memorial at Freehold Raceway. She failed to qualify for the Jim Doherty Memorial, finishing sixth in her elimination, and for the Breeders Crown, again finishing sixth. She was third in the \$190,200 Kindergarten Classic final.

Feed Your Head enters the Oaks with eight starts under her belt this season, winning only one when she took the \$49,870 Tompkins Memorial in 1:52 over **Overdraft Volo**. She was second to **Overdraft Volo** in her prior start, a \$125,250 division of the Del Miller Memorial.

Trainer Jimmy Takter, in an interview with harnessracing.com before the Oaks eliminations, said that Feed Your Head is entering the Oaks in “super form”. He will be trying for his record fourth-straight and seventh-overall victory in the Hambletonian Oaks. Takter and Gingras have teamed up to win the Oaks in the last three years with Lifetime Pursuit (2014), Wild Honey (2015), and All The Time (2016), and will pair up again with favorite and stablemate **Ariana G.**

Tim Tetrick picks up the drive on Feed Your Head as he tries for his third win in the Hambletonian Oaks, winning in 2007 with Danae and in 2010 with Bar Slide. Tim Tetrick was second in last year’s edition of the Oaks driving 5-2 favorite Caprice Hill for trainer Tony Alagna.