

OVERDRAFT VOLO (Yankee Glide – Bank Of Newport – Tagliabue)



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Husband-and-wife team Andy and Julie Miller team up again in the Hambletonian Oaks with Overdraft Volo, who enters off a fourth-place finish in her elimination (to **Magic Presto**).

“She was maybe a little flat, but she raced OK,” Andy Miller said about her performance in the elimination. “The fractions really weren’t that strong, but she put in a good effort.

At two, she won three races in 10 starts, including a \$60,200 division of the Bluegrass at The Red Mile and a preliminary and the \$190,200 final of the Kindergarten Classic. At three, she has won three races in six starts, including two divisions of the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes and a \$125,250 division of the Del Miller Memorial in 1:52.2.

“She’s having a really good year kind of quietly,” Andy Miller said. “Hopefully she keeps having a good year. I don’t know if she’s as good as a few of them, but she makes her presence felt pretty good. She’s grown up and developed a lot from last year. She’s just a solid, nice filly. She’s good gaited and puts in a good effort all the time.”

Trainer Julie Miller is going for her first win in the Hambletonian Oaks while husband Andy Miller goes for his second, winning in 2009 with Creamy Mimi for trainer Trond Smedshammer. Andy Miller has not driven a horse from another trainer in the Oaks since 2011 when he was seventh with Pantholops in an Oaks elimination for trainer Jonas Czernyson. Andy and Julie last made the Hambletonian Oaks final in 2015 with Livininthefastlane, who finished fourth.

In 2014, Julie Miller sent a trio into the Hambletonian Oaks led by 6-5 favorite Designed To Be, who finished second to Lifetime Pursuit in a stakes-record performance of 1:50.4. Her other entrants, Take The Money and Cee Bee Yes, were third and 11th respectively.