

### Amigo Hall Gives Hall of Famer A Grand Slam

Amigo Hall's 27-1 upset in the Hambletonian was a fitting end to the 2003 Meadowlands meet for Hall of Fame driver Mike Lachance. In what might be the twilight of some careers, Lachance, at age 52, experienced a spectacular season that included victories in both of the Meadowlands' million-dollar events, the Hambletonian and the Meadowlands Pace.

Ironically, Lachance qualified neither Amigo Hall nor his Meadowlands Pace winner, Allamerican Theory, for their spots in their respective \$1 million finals. Both were opportunities that opened up when others opted off them for other drives.

Lachance received the call when John Campbell chose Power To Charm, who won the slowest of the Hambletonian eliminations, over Amigo Hall, who had finished third in his elimination.

When elimination winner Bebop broke stride at the start of the final, Lachance made a key decision to take Amigo Hall to the top. The quarter-mile was reached in 28.2 seconds, when the favorite, Power To Charm, went to the top and led the field to the half-mile in 55.4. They remained in command to the three-quarter marker, but it quickly became apparent the favorite was not going to be his best that day. It also appeared that Amigo Hall was going to be an also-ran as well, as he was sitting along the pylons in fourth without any room to maneuver.

Sugar Trader, the second choice, was brought into contention at the top of the stretch and appeared strongest as he assumed the lead, but inside the seven-eighths pole a narrow lane opened and Lachance and Amigo Hall exploded through it.

The mile went in 1:54, well off the stakes, track, and world record of 1:51.3. Sugar Trader and Mac's Crown K were second and third, respectively. The victory margin was one length and a neck separated the place and show finishers. Amigo Hall returned \$57 to win, the longest price in a Hambletonian final.

"I knew [Power To Charm] had to work hard and my horse was feeling fresh," said Lachance. "It may have been good luck, but I got out and when it's your day, it's your day."

Power To Charm, who had won his last three starts, including the Stanley Dancer Trot, finished fifth.

It was Lachance's fourth Hambletonian win — and the first behind a horse not trained by Ron Gurfein. The colt's trainer, Blair Burgess, was making his Hambletonian debut. Although it was not his first million-dollar victory - he won the Meadowlands Pace in 1987 with Frugal Gourmet and 2001 with Real Desire, Burgess was a man not generally regarded as a top "trotting trainer."

"I'm not usually good with trotters," Burgess laughed. "But, he's been a lot of fun and has been a surprise. I don't like to talk about the problems of other horses, but when Bebop broke at the start Mike was able to use his gate speed and take him to the top. That helped us."

Amigo Hall was a \$32,000 yearling, but didn't bring his reserve at auction, missing by \$1,000, and his breeder, Alan Leavitt of Walnut Hall, Ltd., bought him back and later sold a one-half interest in the colt to Bob Burgess, the father of the trainer, and to the trainer's wife, Karin Olsson-Burgess.



- Amigo Hall is the longest priced Hambletonian winner in history, going postward at 27-1. He finished third in his elimination the previous week at 7-1. In 1984, Delvin G. Hanover won his elim heat at 62-1 and was second in the final at 5-2. Abundance (1995) won his elim at 51-1 then was second in the final at 13-1. The Ambassador (1942) was 33-1 when he won the second of three heats; he then won the final, the third heat, paying \$3.40 on the dollar. Since the requirement of winning two heats was dropped in 1992, the highest winning \$2.00 payoff in the final prior to 2003 have been Alf Palema (1992), \$8.40, and Chip Chip Hooray (2002), \$12.60.
- Since the eliminations were moved to the previous week in 1998, Amigo Hall is the first Hambletonian winner not to win his elimination. He was third, beaten four and a half lengths by Bebop and timed in 1:54.4. His mile in the final was a career best 1:54.
- Since the open draw for the final was inaugurated in 1992, Amigo Hall is only the second horse (Muscles Yankee, 1998) to win from post position six. Only Yankee Paco (2000) and Windsong's Legacy (2004) have won from farther out, post seven.
- The win was Hall of Fame driver Mike Lachance's fourth. His previous three victories were all behind Ron Gurfein-trained horses: Victory Dream (1994), Continental Victory (1996) and Self Possessed (1999). He joined Ben White, Bill Haughton and Stanley Dancer, who all have four Hambletonian wins. The record for the most number of Hambletonian victories is held by John Campbell (five). In fact, Campbell qualified Amigo Hall for the final but was committed to drive eventual race favorite Power To Charm.
- Amigo Hall represented the first breeder's credit for Walnut Hall Ltd. which was founded in the 1990s, although historic Walnut Hall Farm, operated by Meg Leavitt's family, had eight: The Marchioness (1932), Lord Jim (1934), Peter Astra (1939), The Ambassador (1942), Volo Song (1943), Lusty Song (1950), Sharp Note (1952) and The Intruder (1956). Only Hanover Shoe Farm has more, nine.
- In addition to Victory Dream (1994), which Walnut Hall Ltd. syndicated prior to the Hambletonian, owner Alan Leavitt stood in the winner's circle as a

partner on Speedy Somolli (1978). His Lana Lobell Farms of New Jersey also bred Mack Lobell (1987). Stallions standing at Leavitt's farms over the years have sired eight winners: Speedy Somolli (1978), Prakas (1985), Nuclear Kosmos (1986), Mack Lobell (1987), Park Avenue Joe (1989), Alf Palema (1992) and Self Possessed (1999).

- Amigo Hall had a definite Canadian connection: he was sired by an Ontario stallion, owned in part and trained by residents of that province and driven by a native of Quebec. He was Balanced Image's second winner in four years. Balanced Image remains the only Canadian sire to produce a Hambletonian winner. His first was Yankee Paco in 2000.
- Thirty-three winners, including Amigo Hall, trace their paternal line directly to Volomite, who finished second in the 1929 Hambletonian to Walter Dear. Volomite, considered one of the most influential sires in the sport, stood at Walnut Hall Farm for 20 years, and was a great-great-grandson of Hambletonian 10.
- A record five horses made a break before the 1/8 pole in the 2003 final.
- The field included Malabar Millennium, who possessed an all-Hambletonian pedigree. He was by 1997 Hambletonian winner Malabar Man out of 1994 Hambletonian Oaks winner Gleam, and both were owned and driven by amateur driver Malvern Burroughs. No Hambletonian winner has ever sired a winner out of a mare that won the Hambletonian or the Oaks. However, Armbrø Goal (1988) is by Speedy Crown (1971) out of Armbrø Flight (second to Egyptian Candor in 1965) and Park Avenue Joe (1989) is by Speedy Somolli out of Delmonica Hanover (2nd to Super Bowl in 1972).
- Though winless in 10 lifetime starts prior to the Hambletonian elims, Malabar Millennium's elim victory made him the first maiden since Calumet Butler to win either a heat or an elimination in the Hambletonian.
- The inaugural Hambletonian Parade took place on the streets of Rutherford, New Jersey on the morning of the eliminations. Bagpipers, horse units, retired and racing standardbreds and Hambletonian himself led by William Rysdyck headlined the event.

## Amigo Hall

**AMIGO HALL**, b c, by Balanced Image-Ali's Cat, by Meadow Road  
 Driver: Mike Lachance Trainer: Blair Burgess  
 Owner: Walnut Hall Limited, Robert Burgess, Karin Olsson-Burgess  
 Groom: Stacy Wadden  
 Sale History: \$32,000 yearling, Tattersalls Sale, Lexington, KY. . . x 3 1

**SUGAR TRADER**, b c, by Trade Balance-Maple Frosting, by Valley Victory  
 Driver: Luc Ouellette Trainer: John Brennan  
 Owner: John Brennan, John Nordstrom, John Taddeo . . . 2 x x 2

**MAC'S CROWN K**, br c, by Bj's Mac-Angela Crown, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Ron Pierce Trainer: Charlie Norris  
 Owner: Robert J. Key. . . x x 2 3

**INCREDIBLE HULK**, b c, by Muscles Yankee-Gingerly, by Sierra Kosmos  
 Driver: George Brennan Trainer: Charles Sylvester  
 Owner: Perretti Racing Stable & John Rizzo . . . x 4 x 4

**POWER TO CHARM**, b c, by Malabar Man-Velvet Sauce, by Crowning Point  
 Driver: John Campbell Trainer: Trond Smedshammer  
 Owner: American Viking Racing, M. & M. Frank, T. Gewertz . . . x 1 x 5

<b>TIME BY QUARTERS:</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>MILE</b>
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3rd Elimination	:27 <sup>3</sup>	:56	1:25 <sup>3</sup>	1:54
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<b>PAYOFFS</b>											
<b>FIRST ELIMINATION</b>				<b>SECOND ELIMINATION</b>				<b>THIRD ELIMINATION</b>			
Malabar Millennium	22.80	6.20	4.80	Power To Charm	2.40	2.20	2.10	Bebop	5.80	3.80	2.60
Sugar Trader		3.20	2.60	Penn Pronto		12.80	3.20	Mac's Crown K		3.20	2.40
Muscle King			4.40	Smooth Glide			2.60	Amigo Hall			3.20
				<b>FINAL</b>							
				Amigo Hall	57.00	20.20	10.40				
				Sugar Trader		6.40	4.80				
				Mac's Crown K			7.80				



## Three Cheers for Chip Chip Hooray!

Chip Chip Hooray, a pint-sized colt with a big engine, delivered \$1 million worth of Hambletonian cheer to a seasoned Hall of Famer and a young gun when he won the 2002 edition of trotting's most prestigious event.

It was the fourth Hambletonian victory for veteran trainer Chuck Sylvester and the first for driver Eric Ledford, who was making his debut in harness racing's most prestigious event.

The weeks leading up to the Hambletonian were frustrating for Sylvester as he made a series of equipment changes trying to get the colt just right before the eliminations. Bridles, boots, shoes and sulkies were switched, and Sylvester knew he had hit upon the right combination when the colt came first-up to win his Hambletonian elimination over Andover Hall in 1:54.1, the fastest he had been asked to trot to that point.

Benefiting from the luck of the draw, Chip Chip Hooray and Andover Hall started side by side in the final, the former from post two and the latter from the rail. But post one was the only relief Andover Hall got. The 3-5 Hambletonian favorite made a break after briefly colliding with Likely Lad around the first turn and pulled up before the finish with a cut on his hind leg.

Meanwhile, Chip Chip Hooray got away fourth and tipped to the outside behind ENS Snapshot past the half. After maneuvering past that one, he put away the pacesetter Taurus Dream at the top of the stretch.

He held off the late rally of Like A Prayer for a neck victory, trotting the mile in a career best 1:53.3.

"I really didn't give it a whole lot of thought before the race," said Eric Ledford, one of the youngest reinsmen ever to reach the Hambletonian Final. "Andover was the horse I wanted to follow but it didn't work out that way. I wound up fourth, but a distanced fourth. They were eating it up pretty good out front so we just bided our time back there and let them race it out, which they did, and we were fortunate enough to pick up the pieces. At the top of the stretch, I moved him three high. He exploded off cover. He showed true ability and true guts and the true champion that he is."

"People don't realize how much luck and coordination go into this one day," said Sylvester, who made it to the Hambletonian winner's circle despite battling a bad case of bursitis. "It takes so much luck to win this race. He just wasn't himself three weeks in-a-row. We changed his bridle to an open bridle and pulled his hind shoes. He trained super so I decided to go with that. I was surprised that they made Andover Hall such a favorite. I thought we went a big race last week."

The victory was especially sweet for Sylvester as he trained the colt's sire, Pine Chip, who finished second to American Winner in the 1993 Hambletonian.

Chip Chip Hooray concluded his sophomore season, and career, with 12 victories from 24 starts and earnings of \$1,095,001.



- Since the eliminations were moved to the previous week in 1998, Chip Chip Hooray is the fifth elimination winner in as many years to win the final. His 1:54.1 victory was the fastest elim of the day, and he defeated favored Andover Hall by a head. His mile in the final was a career best 1:53.3.
- Chip Chip Hooray represented Chuck Sylvester's 4<sup>th</sup> Hambletonian winner, as the Ohio native scored previous victories with Mack Lobell (1987), Park Avenue Joe (dh1989) and Muscles Yankee (1998). Only Billy Haughton, Stanley Dancer and Ben White have won more Hambletonian titles, as each won five times.
- It was Castleton Farm's sixth, and probably final, Hambletonian Breeders trophy. Chip Chip Hooray was offered in Castleton's last yearling consignment before the farm closed its doors in 2000.
- Chip Chip Hooray was owned in part by Ed and Nancy Iacobucci – and was their first standardbred purchase. Another partner, Mike Prakas, saw his namesake, Prakas, win the 1985 Hambletonian.
- Pine Chip also sired 2001 winner Scarlet Knight, making him the first stallion since the legendary Star's Pride to sire back-to-back winners (1968-1969).
- It was winning driver Eric Ledford's first start in the Hambletonian. The 30-year-old driver became the 17<sup>th</sup> (including Nat Ray who won the first edition) to win the race in his first try. Others are: Bill Leese, Dick McMahon, Will Caton, Lee Smith, Harrison Hoyt, Harry Harvey, Ned Bower, Flave Nipe, Howard Beissinger, John Simpson Jr., Ray Remmen, Ulf Thoresen, Bill Fahy, Jack Moiseyev and Trevor Ritchie.
- Chip Chip Hooray is the 29<sup>th</sup> winner whose paternal line traces directly to Scotland (third to Spencer in 1928). Scotland was a grandson of Peter The Great whose prodigy has won 64 of 77 Hambletonians, including both dead-heat winners in 1989. Peter The Great was a great-grandson of Hambletonian 10.
- Chip Chip Hooray was the 14<sup>th</sup> Hambletonian winner sold as a yearling by Tattersalls, the most by any sale company. Standardbred Horse Sale is runner-up for those honors with 13.
- Chip Chip Hooray, was the 33<sup>rd</sup> winner sired by a Kentucky stallion, a record for a state breeding program. The winners of the first 15 consecutive Hambletonians (1926 to 1940) were by Kentucky stallions. He was the 9<sup>th</sup> Hambletonian winner produced by a Castleton Farm stallion. His sire Pine Chip was exported to Sweden in 2000 when the Castleton holdings were dispersed.
- John Campbell drove in his 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive Hambletonian. Favored Andover Hall went offstride in the first turn, dashing the defending divisional champ's hopes of becoming just the third colt to take freshman honors and win the Hambletonian.
- The Hambletonian Day card also featured the world's fastest trotting mile of all time after Sweden's Victory Tilly, driven by Stig Johansson, won the Nat Ray in a time of 1:50.4. One of the owners proposed in the winner's circle to his fiancée. She accepted.
- The Hambletonian crowd numbered 28,969 - the largest since 2000 and the third largest since 1991. Those in attendance wagered \$3,344,540 on-track. The total North American handle of \$8,819,235 set a Meadowlands and harness racing industry record. The Meadowlands distributed a record \$4,387,500 in purse money for the 17-race card, which included the Sweetheart and Woodrow Wilson for two-year-old pacers, which had to be raced on the Hambletonian Day card when dangerous lightning and heavy rainstorms the night before necessitated their postponement after a lengthy delay.
- Eventual divisional champion and Trotter of the Year Kadabra was not eligible to the Hambletonian, which does not allow supplements.



## Chip Chip Hooray

**CHIP CHIP HOORAY**, b c, by Pine Chip-Share A Victory, by Valley Victory  
 Driver: Eric Ledford Trainer: Charles Sylvester  
 Owner: C. Sylvester, M. Prakas, Wingedfoot Farms, N. Goldman  
 Groom: Kelly Mockler  
 Sale History: \$20,000 yearling, Tattersalls Sale, Lexington, KY. . . 1 x 1

**LIKE A PRAYER**, b c, by Lindy Lane-Meadowmiss Hanover, by Super Bowl  
 Driver: Ron Pierce Trainer: Brett Pelling  
 Owner: Perfect World Enterprises . . . x 2 x 2

**DUKE OF YORK**, b c, by Balanced Image-Armbro Monarch, by Valley Victory  
 Driver: Paul MacDonell Trainer: John Bax  
 Owner: A. Libfeld, M. Katz, S. Goldband. . . . x 3 3

**MALABAR MAPLE**, b c, by Malabar Man-Promised Crown, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Luc Ouellette Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
 Owner: MCB Farm, I. Liverman, J. Fielding . . . 4 x x 4

**TAURUS DREAM**, b c, by Sir Taurus-Uniformite JP, by On The Take  
 Driver: Paul Macdonell Trainer: Bernard Grignola  
 Owner: Dream With Me Stb & Wildenstein Stb . . . x x 1 5

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### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Chip Chip Hooray	16.00	6.00	3.20
Andover Hall		3.20	2.20
Malabar Maple			2.40

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

ENS Snapshot	4.60	3.60	2.80
Like A Prayer		8.20	5.40
Really Suspicious			14.20

#### THIRD ELIMINATION

Taurus Dream	13.80	5.80	3.80
Duke Of York		9.80	5.00
Chipmate			5.00

#### FINAL

Chip Chip Hooray	12.60	9.00	8.40
Like A Prayer		17.40	11.20
Duke Of York			10.40



### Melander and Scarlet Knight Smile For the Camera

Hollywood's best scribes could not have written a more fitting conclusion to the 2001 Meadowlands harness meet as renowned Swedish racing photographer Stefan Melander fulfilled a lifelong dream of winning the Hambletonian with Scarlet Knight.

After 20 years of capturing the sport's most prestigious events on film, Melander, known as "Foto Tarzan" around the world, was finally on the other side of the camera in the winner's circle on Hambletonian Day, August 4.

The colt's trainer, driver and owner, Melander made the trek from his home in Enköping, Sweden, overcoming the obstacles of distance, climate and time, to give Scarlet Knight the chance to prove himself as the world's top three-year-old trotter. And the son of Pine Chip, who entered the race undefeated in eight starts, lived up to his reputation.

After Banker Hall took the field to the three-quarter pole, Melander and Scarlet Knight roared to the front and muscled their way to the lead and a one and three-quarter length winning margin, timed in 1:53.4. Melander turned to face the cameras as he crossed the finish line, his whip raised in victory.

Every summer Melander makes the trek from his home in Sweden to the Meadowlands Racetrack for the Hambletonian, but his 2001 journey was quite different as he brought three-year-old trotting colt Scarlet Knight with him.

Scarlet Knight was simply dominant in his U.S. debut as he cut the mile and drew off to a six-length victory in 1:54.1, the fastest of the three Hambletonian eliminations, with Melander in the sulky. And shortly after the race was over, Melander was back in the winner's circle snapping photos of the other Hambletonian eliminations and Breeders Crown events.

Scarlet Knight entered the Hambletonian with a perfect eight-for-eight season record, posting victories in Sweden, Norway and the United States.

Melander purchased Scarlet Knight for \$17,000 in November 1999, but was unable to train him until January 2000 because of quarantine requirements,

making his accomplishment even more remarkable.

"It took a long time before I got him to Sweden," he said, "and I thought I wouldn't have enough time to get him ready. Normally, under the circumstances, Swedish trainers don't have enough time to prepare horses for the Hambletonian because of the long winter. I think it's amazing to be in this race. It is nearly impossible for a Swedish-trained horse to make it."

Melander grew up near the Solvalla racetrack in Stockholm and began hanging around the stables where he became friends with veteran conditioners Hakan Wallner and Berndt Lindstedt. His passion for trotters led to his involvement in many aspects of the sport, including charting the races at Solvalla and selling handicapping tip sheets.

Melander is known as "Foto Tarzan", a nickname given to him by Wallner, who combined Melander's interest in photography with his tendency to swing from job to job. Melander started his own photography business in 1980 that has prospered over the past two decades. He is also a racing columnist for *Expressen*, a top tier daily newspaper in Sweden.

In 1990, he began to devote more of his time to training horses and took on more employees to help with the photography. Melander is assisted by his girlfriend, Catarina Lundström, a respected trainer in Scandinavia. They bought a training center in Enköping and their stable has grown to be one of the most fruitful in Scandinavia.

Melander is the first horseman to bring a U.S.-bred trotter trained and developed in Europe to the U.S. and win the Hambletonian.



- Exported as a yearling, raised developed and trained in Europe, Scarlet Knight is the first U.S.-bred trotter to come back to win the Hambletonian.
- Melander was the first driver-trainer-owner to win the Hambletonian since Stanley Dancer did it in 1975 with Bonefish. Melander was the first driver-trainer to win it since Dancer won with Duenna in 1983.
- Melander trains some 70 horses with partner Catarina Lundstrom. He rarely reads the pedigree page but instead measures yearlings and enters all pertinent info in a detailed data base, consisting of over 60,000 horses he's measured.
- The Hambletonian Final was Melander's third drive in the U.S. He won the 1995 Yonkers International with His Majesty and his Hambo elim a week prior to the final.
- In each of the five years since multiple heats were replaced by eliminations the previous week, the eventual winner of the Hambletonian has also won his elimination.
- Scarlet Knight is only the fifth Hambletonian winner (since 1945) to come into the race with an unblemished record as a 3-year-old. The other four: Titan Hanover (1945), Sharp Note (1952), Mack Lobell, (1987) and Malabar Man (1997).
- Scarlet Knight flew over and back on the same plane as international trotting superstar Varenne. The two returned to Europe having won the only two \$1 million races for trotters offered in the world.
- Scarlet Knight was the fourth European-conditioned horse to take a shot at the Hambletonian: Shatter Way (1966), Top Hanover (1971), Easy Lover (1995).
- Scarlet Knight was the 40th favorite or co-favorite to win in the 76 years of the Hambletonian. Remarkably six out of the last nine years, the public's choice has prevailed. The three beaten favorites were: Lindy Lane (1996), CR Kay Suzie (1995), and Dreamaster (2000).
- Scarlet Knight is the 28th winner whose paternal line traces directly to Scotland (third to Spencer in 1928). Scotland was a grandson of Peter The Great whose prodigy has won 63 of the 76 Hambletonians, including both dead-heat winners in 1989.
- Scarlet Knight was the 13th Hambletonian winner sold as a yearling by Standardbred Horse Sale Co. in Harrisburg, Pa., since it offered Ashley Hanover (later renamed Bill Gallon) in its initial 1939 session. It was the Harrisburg sale's 1st winner since 1989 which now equals Tattersalls' record as the leader in that category. Additionally one more winner, Green Speed (1977), was catalogued at Harrisburg but withdrawn prior to his sale.
- Scarlet Knight, was the 32nd winner sired by a Kentucky stallion, a record by a state breeding program. The winners of the first 15 consecutive Hambletonians (1926 to 1940) were by Kentucky stallions. He was the 8th Hambletonian winner produced by a Castleton Farm stallion. His sire Pine Chip was exported to Sweden in 2000 when Castleton was dispersed.
- Five of the 10 starters were trained by Swedish trainers; four driven by Swedish reinsmen. To add to the Scandinavian flavor, a sixth was trained by a Norwegian.
- Brooke Nickells was the first female trainer to advance to the Hambletonian final with Lavecster. Both Anna-Lena Ljunggren (Baltic Baby, 1993) and Ann Wheeler (Speedy Big Boy, 1994) started in the eliminations but did not go forward to the final. Lavecster finished fourth in the final.
- Total harness handle was \$8,028,480, the highest handle in the history of the sport, breaking the previous record for the 3rd consecutive year on Hambletonian Day. On-track attendance was 26,569 a record for the Meadowlands season. On-track harness wagering was \$3,675,779, the highest at The Meadowlands since 1995.

## Scarlet Knight

**SCARLET KNIGHT**, b c, by Pine Chip — Ruby Crown, by Incredible Nevele  
 Driver: Stefan Melander Trainer: Stefan Melander  
 Owner: Stefan Melander  
 Groom: Terese Olsson  
 Sale History: Purchased as \$17,000 yearling at the Harrisburg Sale, part of the Perretti Farms consignment... 1 x x 1

**PEGASUS SPUR**, b c, by SJ's Photo — Keystone Imperial, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Bill O'Donnell Trainer: Charles "Buddy" Stillings  
 Owner: Dorothy Hardy and Roy Davis... x 3 x 2

**BANKER HALL**, b c, by Balanced Image — B Cor Jazzette, by Jazz Cosmos  
 Driver: Trevor Ritchie Trainer: Harold Lunde  
 Owner: Tommy B. Andersson... x x 3 3

**LAVECSTER**, br c, by Mr Lavec-Tweakster, by Sierra Kosmos  
 Driver: Mike Lachance Trainer: Brooke Nickells  
 Owner: Bamford, Nickells & Glenby Farms... 2 x x 4

**CIGAR BAR**, b c, by Lindy Lane - Martine Lobell, by Joie De Vie  
 Driver: John Campbell Trainer: Jan Johnson  
 Owner: Arden Homestead Stable... x x 1 5

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Also competed: Victory Sam, x-1-x-6; Choco Chip Hanover, x-2-x-7; Yankee Mustang, 3-x-x-8; Laredo Kosmos, 4-x-x-9; Amer I Can, x-x-3-10; Liverman Hanover, 5-x-x-ro; CJ's Secret, 6-x-x-ro; Victory Abroad, 7-x-x-ro; Annie's SJ, 8-x-x-ro; Pardon Me, x-4-x-ro; CR Kinetic, x-5-x-ro; Kremlin Conspiracy, x-6-x-ro; Diamond Goal, x-7-x-ro; Chasing Tail x-8-x-ro, America's Promise, x-9-x-ro; Norvelous Hanover, x-x-4-ro; Experience Victory, x-x-5-ro; Fishing Clinic, x-x-6-ro; Cobol, x-x-9pl8pl7-ro; Danish Delight, x-x-8pl7pl8-ro; Mr Commissioner, x-x-7pl9-ro.

### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Scarlet Knight	4.80	3.60	2.80
Lavecster		4.60	3.20
Yankee Mustang		4.60	15.00

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Victory Sam	29.40	12.00	3.20
Choco Chip Hanover		8.00	2.80
Pegasus Spur			2.20

#### THIRD ELIMINATION

Cigar Bar	20.80	5.00	3.60
Banker Hall		2.60	2.60
Amer I Can			4.60

#### FINAL

Scarlet Knight	3.40	2.40	2.20
Pegasus Spur		3.20	2.60
Banker Hall			3.20



### Yankee Paco Wins One for Canada

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hambletonian was a celebration of the rich history and tradition of trotting's greatest race, but there was nothing conventional about the colt and trainer who brought home the 2000 trophy.

While many trainers believe the only way to prep for the Hambletonian is to race at the Meadowlands, Doug McIntosh opted for the road less traveled with his striking chestnut colt Yankee Paco. The Wheatley, Ontario native prepped Yankee Paco for the Hambletonian in rather unusual fashion staying in Ontario for Sire Stakes competition. Yankee Paco did not see the Meadowlands surface until he arrived for the eliminations on July 29.

The son of Canadian sire Balanced Image entered the Hambletonian eliminations with a four-race win streak, and made it five straight under the patient hands of driver Trevor Ritchie in the second of the three elims. The victory was particularly special for McIntosh and his wife, Carrie, as it came on their son Dylan's second birthday.

"The birth of our son was the greatest thing in my life," said McIntosh just before the eliminations. "Winning the Hambletonian is the only thing I can think of that would come close."

A week later, McIntosh could compare the two feelings as Yankee Paco became the first Canadian sired horse to win the Hambletonian, bringing him the highlight of his career at age 57.

"It's a great thing for my career and a great thing for Canada," he said.

The 1:53.2 mile was a season record for a three-year-old colt and Yankee Paco's mile was all the more impressive by the fact that, leaving from post

position seven, he was parked out the entire race, first-over after a half in 55.2. It was probably the first time a horse had won the Hambletonian without seeing the rail at any point in the mile.

When Legendary Lover K cleared the lead along the backstretch, Yankee Paco was suddenly left uncovered. In a display of gritty determination, Ritchie and Yankee Paco pulled away in midstretch.

Mike Farrell of The Record wrote, "For any standardbred, that represents the moment of truth, leading to two options: press on for the glory, or fold and try again another day. On a glorious sun-splashed afternoon, Yankee Paco opted to fight."

In many ways, Doug McIntosh has been a man ahead of his time in the harness racing industry. The older brother of more heralded conditioner Bob McIntosh, Doug was a pioneer in communicating with owners and prospective owners. He advertised his services when that was considered "taboo" by the old guard. He was one of the first to publish a monthly newsletter, detailing the accomplishments and progress of his equine pupils. He hopped aboard the Internet explosion in the early stages, developing a comprehensive website and using e-mail to communicate with his clients.

Yankee Paco was a modest \$30,000 yearling purchase by McIntosh from the Yankeeland Farm consignment at the 1998 Kentucky Standardbred sale at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington on behalf of longtime clients Harry Ivey, a retired pharmacist, and his son, Dr. Tom Ivey, a heart surgeon.



- Yankee Paco was the easiest of winners in his elimination by a length and a quarter. In each of the four years since the eliminations were scheduled the previous week, the winner of the Hambletonian also won his elimination.
- Yankee Paco is only the second chestnut to win the Hambletonian; Blaze Hanover (1960) was the first.
- Doug McIntosh may be the first Canadian-based trainer to win the Hambletonian. His brother Bob also had a horse in the final, Berndt Hanover, but was pulled up and did not finish the race. A number of Canadian horsemen (such as Nat Ray, Ben White, Ralph Baldwin and Joe O'Brien) have trained the winner over the years but after they had emigrated to the U.S.
- Trevor Ritchie may also be the first Canadian-based driver to win. It was Ritchie's first drive in the Hambletonian. To date he is the 16th (including Nat Ray who won the first edition) to win the race in his first try. That list includes: Bill Leese, Dick McMahon, Will Caton, Lee Smith Harrison Hoyt, Harry Harvey, Ned Bower, Flave Nipe, Howard Beissinger, John Simpson Jr., Ray Remmen, Ulf Thoresen, Bill Fahy and Jack Moiseyev.
- It was also the first Hambletonian drive for Dave Magee, who finished fifth with the favorite Dreamaster. It was noteworthy in that Magee had driven in more than 48,000 races, winning more than 8,300, but had never driven in the Hambletonian. He said it was an opportunity that he had dreamed of since growing up in Illinois while the race was at DuQuoin.
- Of the 10 horses in the final: 14 out of the 25 individual owners were in their first Hambletonian; six of the 10 trainers and five of the 10 drivers were also making their first Hambletonian appearance.
- It was the second Hambletonian winner in three years bred by Yankeeland Farm. Operated by Charles E. Keller III and his family, Yankeeland was founded by Keller's father, baseball and harness racing hall-of-famer Charlie Keller, who played for the N.Y. Yankees from 1937 to 1952. Keller was a member of one of the Bronx bombers' greatest outfielders with Joe DiMaggio and Tommy Henrich.
- Yankee Paco was the ninth Hambletonian winner in 16 years (1983-1998) sold as a yearling by Kentucky Standardbred Sale Co.
- John Campbell drove in his 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive Hambletonian.
- The 10 horses in the final were by 10 different stallions: American Winner, Ambro Goal, Balanced Image, Chief Litigator, Garland Lobell, Incredible Abe, Pine Chip, S J's Photo, Valley Victory and Victory Dream. Not since 1931 — a six-horse field bested by Calumet Butler — were all the horses in the final heat by different stallions.
- Yankee Paco is the first Canadian-sired winner of the Hambletonian. He is the first by an Ontario sire. Just five states were responsible for the sires of all the other winners: Kentucky (31), Pennsylvania (30), New Jersey (10), New York (3) and Michigan (1).
- Speedy Crown got his sixth broodmare credit and tied Peter The Great as the leading broodmare sire of Hambletonian winners. The last dam of a winner by Peter The Great was Elizabeth, the dam of Yankee Maid (1944). She was also produced Greyhound (1935). All six of Speedy Crown's credits are from different mares.
- Thirty-one winners, including Yankee Paco, traced their paternal line directly to Volomite (second to Walter Dear in the 1929 Hambletonian). Volomite was a great-great grandson of Hambletonian 10. Yankee Paco was the 63<sup>rd</sup> of the 76 winners to trace their paternal line directly to Peter The Great, a great-grandson of Hambletonian 10.
- DeWayne Minor, the driver of Legendary Lover K (finishing 6<sup>th</sup>), was the first African-American to drive a horse in the Hambletonian.
- From 1926 through 2000, 1,088 horse have declared in the entry box for the Hambletonian. With 10 scratched, 1,078 horses have started the first heat or in their elimination. This includes 161 fillies that have faced the starter. Only one filly started in 2000, Ava, who finished 6<sup>th</sup> in her elimination. She is the first filly to have started since Continentalvictory in 1996.



## Yankee Paco

**YANKEE PACO**, ch c, by Balanced Image — Yankee Playgirl, by Speedy Crown

Driver: Trevor Ritchie Trainer: Doug McIntosh

Owner: Tom D. Ivey & Harold S. Ivey

Groom: Reggie Gassien

Sale History: \$30,000 yearling purchase Kentucky Stdb Sale... x x 1 1

**CREDIT WINNER**, br c, by American Winner — Lawn Tennis, by Armbrø Goal

Driver: Jim Meitinis Trainer: Per Eriksson

Owner: Manhattan Stable . . .3 x x 2

**Armbrø Trick**, b c, by Garland Lobell — Wendys Joker, by Worthy Bowl

Driver: Ray Schnittker Trainer: Ray Schnittker (Paul Doherty)

Also competed: Legendary Lover K, x-4-6; Uhadadream, x-5-7; Monte Hall, 4-x-8; Pine Drop, x-2-9; Berndt Hanover, 5-x-10;

American Native, 4-x-x-ro; Approved Action, 5-x-x-ro; Ava, 6-x-x-ro; Nunsuchthing, 7-x-x-ro; Super Spicy, 8-x-x-ro; Victory Party, x-4-x-ro; Heathen Hall, x-5-x-ro; Master Lavec, x-6-x-ro; Kirkman Hanover, x-7-x-ro; Dream Vacation, x-8-x-ro; Condo Commander, x-x-5-ro; Band's Gold Chip, x-x-6-ro; Nobonesaboutit, x-x-7-ro; Brumal Hanover, x-x-8-ro.

**FAST PHOTO**, b c, by SJ's Photo-Speedy Lobell, by Speedy Crown

Driver: Cat Manzi Trainer: Don Swick

Owner: Royal Wire Products . . . 2 x x 4

**DREAMMASTER**, b c, by Victory Dream - Garlapp, by Garland Lobell

Driver: Dave Magee Trainer: Dirk Simpson

Owner: H. Wright, D. Simpson, Mystical Marker, D. Coleman . . . x 1 x 5

<b>TIME BY QUARTERS:</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>MILE</b>
1st Elimination	:28 <sup>1</sup>	:55 <sup>4</sup>	1:25 <sup>1</sup>	1:53 <sup>2</sup>
2nd Elimination	:28	:57	1:25 <sup>4</sup>	1:55
3rd Elimination	:28	:57 <sup>1</sup>	1:25 <sup>2</sup>	1:54 <sup>3</sup>
Final	:27	:55 <sup>2</sup>	1:25	1:53 <sup>2</sup>

### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Uhadadream	5.40	2.80	2.40
Fast Photo		3.00	2.40
Credit Winner			2.60

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Dreamaster	5.40	3.00	2.60
Legendary Lover K		3.20	3.00
Pine Drop			5.20

#### THIRD ELIMINATION

Yankee Paco	3.40	2.80	2.40
Berndt Hanover		12.80	6.40
Monte Hall			4.00

#### FINAL

Yankee Paco	6.60	4.40	4.00
Credit Winner		14.40	9.60
Armbrø Trick			14.40





### Self Possessed Sets the Tone for the New Millennium

The final Hambletonian of the 20<sup>th</sup> century set new standards for the sport as two industry records were shattered on an electric August afternoon.

In a blistering performance, Self Possessed posted the fastest trotting mile in harness history in the \$1 million final, and the total handle of \$7,132,583 set the mark as the highest in the sport.

The charismatic colt commanded the lead at the half and drew off to an effortless five and a half-length victory in 1:51.3, a stakes, track and world record.

Self Possessed gave the team of driver Mike Lachance and trainer Ron Gurfein their third Hambletonian in six years. Lachance and Gurfein won in 1994 with Self Possessed's sire, Victory Dream, and in 1996 with the filly Continentalvictory.

"I can't take credit for it," Lachance said. "He did it on his own, and it was very easy for him. It's a very special day for me."

Though the end-result was a dream come true, Gurfein admitted the race

did not start out as he imagined while drifting off to sleep the night before.

"I was picturing Secretariat," Gurfein said. "Watching Secretariat in the Belmont Stakes, well that's a dream race for a trainer. I pictured Self Possessed going right to the top and just drawing off. Mike had a lot of decisions to make from the start to the quarter-pole. That was one of the greatest drives for \$1 million you'll ever see in your life."

Self Possessed became the first son of a Hambletonian winner to win the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands. His victory solidified Victory Dream's status as a top stakes producer and added another laurel to the Valley Victory lineage.

As a member of the Self Possessed Stable, George Segal's Brittany Farms earned its first owner's credit, and its second breeder's, in the Hambletonian. Brittany, which also bred Continentalvictory, sold Self Possessed at auction as a yearling for \$100,000, but later joined the ownership team through a private purchase.



- All of Self Possessed's three-year-old starts prior to the race (five for a purse and two qualifiers) were at the Meadowlands. Three of the last five winners (Victory Dream, 1994; Tagliabue, 1995; and Malabar Man, 1997) used the same course to the winner's circle.
- Self Possessed's five and a half length margin of victory in the Hambletonian was surpassed only by Mack Lobell's six and a quarter record margin (1987) and possibly Peter Astra's "half a dozen lengths" (1939) in the days before the photo finish. It equaled Nevele Pride's margin of victory (1968).
- Self Possessed also won the Kentucky Futurity, but did not start in the Yonkers Trot.
- Self Possessed was the 33rd Hambletonian winner to be honored as a USHWA/USTA divisional champion since 1952.
- John Sokul, the Gurfein Stable's assistant trainer, was also the caretaker for Victory Dream, the sire of Self Possessed.
- It was Jerry & Rosalie Silva's second trip to the Hambletonian winner's circle, as they were also partners on Continentalvictory (1996). Nineteen Hambletonian winners, including Victory Dream, are owned wholly or in part

by New York connections, the most of any state. Seventeen winning owners come from New Jersey; 14 from Pennsylvania. Owners David Scharf and the Silvas are both from New York.

- Self Possessed is one of only eight Hambletonian winners produced in their sire's initial crop. The seven others: Hoot Mon (Helicopter, 1953); Speedster (Speedy Scot, 1963); Ayres (Timothy T, 1970); Green Speed (Duenna, 1983); Mystic Park (Mack Lobell, 1987); Crowning Point (Harmonious, 1990); and Valley Victory (Victory Dream, 1995).
- Victory Dream is the tenth winner that subsequently sired a Hambletonian winner: Titan Hanover (1945); Hoot Mon (1947); Speedy Scot (1963); Ayres (1964); Nevele Pride (1968); Speedy Crown (1971); Super Bowl (1972); Green Speed (1977); Speedy Somolli (1978) and Victory Dream (1994).
- Carl Allen, 69, was the only trainer/driver programmed in the final. CR Commando was the 2-year-old Breeders Crown and divisional champion the previous fall.
- John Campbell, who is the winning driver of a record five Hambletonians, won his first Oaks with Oolong.

## Self Possessed

**SELF POSSESSED**, b c, by Victory Dream— Feeling Great, by Mystic Park  
 Driver: Mike Lachance Trainer: Ron Gurfein  
 Owner: Self Possessed Stable (Scharf, Silva, Domiano, Segal)  
 Groom: Emma Pettersson  
 Sale History: Purchased as \$100,000 yearling at the Kentucky Standardbred Sale in Lexington, Ky., the consignor Brittany Farms then bought back 50% of the yearling... x 1 1

**ANGUS HALL**, b c, by Garland Lobell— Amour Angus, by Magna Force  
 Driver: John Campbell Trainer: Robert Stewart  
 Owner: Angus Hall . . . 1 x 2

**ENJOY LAVEC**, b c, by Pine Chip — Margit Lobell, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Luc Ouellette Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
 Owner: AB Lavec. . . x 3 3

Also competed: Comets Tail , x-4-6; Davanti, x-5-7; Pearsall Hanover, 4-x-8; CR Renegade, x-2-9; CR Commando, 5-x-10; Keepitinthefamily, 6-x-ro; Solid Oak, 7-x-ro; Supershade, 8-x-ro; Starchip Entrprise, 9-x-ro; Fortuna Winner, x-6-ro; Americanese, x-7-ro; Caramba Kosmos, 8-x-ro; Big Z Crown, x-9-ro.

**RAFFAELLO AMBROSIO**, b c, by Victory Dream-Tishes Wish, by Arndon  
 Driver: Jack Moiseyev Trainer: Ron Gurfein  
 Owner: Ambrosio Racing Stable . . . 3 x 4

**CHERRY HILLS**, b c, by Sierra Kosmos - Melt My Heart, by Royal Prestige  
 Driver: Dave Palone Trainer: William Gallagher  
 Owner: Josph P. Chnapko . . . 2 x 5

<b>TIME BY QUARTERS:</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>MILE</b>
1st Elimination	:29 <sup>1</sup>	:56 <sup>1</sup>	1:25 <sup>2</sup>	1:54 <sup>3</sup>
2nd Elimination	:28 <sup>3</sup>	:55 <sup>3</sup>	1:23 <sup>4</sup>	1:53
Final	:27 <sup>2</sup>	:55 <sup>3</sup>	1:23 <sup>3</sup>	1:51 <sup>3</sup>

### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Angus Hall	4.80	4.00	2.40
Cherry Hills		15.60	7.40
Raffaello Ambrosio			3.40

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Self Possessed	3.00	2.60	2.10
CR Renegade		3.00	2.10
Enjoy Lavec			2.10

#### FINAL

Self Possessed	2.80	2.40	2.10
Angus Hall		--	--
Enjoy Lavec			2.10



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## Campbell Muscles His Way to Record Fifth Hambletonian

Hall of Fame driver John Campbell earned his way into the record books yet again as he claimed his fifth Hambletonian victory with Muscles Yankee in 1998.

The powerful colt with a quick turn of speed also provided trainer Chuck Sylvester with his third win in the trotting classic.

Campbell eased the three-year-old colt up second-over, claimed the lead past the half and confidently sailed to a three-length victory.

"And when I asked him [Muscles Yankee] to step to the front, he responded very well, and he was really on the muscle and felt great," Campbell said after the race. "Coming around the last turn he was real strong, and I felt real confident. As Chuck said, he doesn't quit. He's never shown any quitting in any of the starts of his life. It was just a great performance." The time of 1:52.2 was only a fifth of a second off of Continentalvictory's stakes and track record.

David Raymond, also trained by Sylvester and driven by Cat Manzi, secured second place for Sylvester. Kick Tail, with driver Berndt Lindstedt, made two strong bids for the lead and ended up three and a half-lengths back in third.

Sylvester teamed with Campbell to win the 1987 Hambletonian with Mack Lobell. He also won the 1989 race with Park Avenue Joe in a unique deadheat with Probe.

"Muscles is the horse I said he was," said Sylvester, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in July of 1998. "He trotted home great and won easy. When Kick Tail was first up, I knew that unless something was wrong with Muscles, he would trot away. This is the one race if you ask any trainer the race they want to win, this is the ultimate race."

Muscles Yankee's victory in the Hambletonian was the first for each of his owners: William Perretti of Saddle River, New Jersey, Irving Liverman of Montreal, Quebec and David French of Boca Raton, Florida.

"This was fantastic," Perretti said. "I've waited 20 years for this."

Hambletonian Day realized a total harness handle of \$6,503,202, [up from \$6,115,766 in 1997], a record for the Hambletonian and second only to the \$6.7 million of the 1995 Meadowlands Pace. The crowd of 25,873 included Beth Pritch of Clinton, New Jersey, honored as the 500,000<sup>th</sup> guest to attend the Hambletonian since its debut at the Meadowlands in 1981.



- John Campbell won his record fifth Hambletonian, just 15 years after driving in his first (Joie De Vie 1-4ch in 1983).
- Chuck Sylvester is only the seventh trainer to finish first and second in the final: Jimmy Takter (1997); Per Eriksson (1992); Bill Haughton (1980); Ralph Baldwin (1959); H. M. "Doc" Parshall (1934); Walter Cox (1929, Cox's entry in all captured the first four monies). Sylvester's other two horses, Silver Pine and Armbrö Rotary, made breaks and finished ninth and tenth respectively (last and next to last).
- Muscles Yankee was a \$200,000 yearling purchase at the Kentucky Standardbred Sale Co., a record yearling price for a Hambletonian winner.
- Valley Victory was the sire of the winner for the third time in five years, with only five crops of age to race in the Hambletonian.
- Kick Tail, owned by Arden Homestead Stable (E. T. Gerry family), was their 32<sup>nd</sup> starter in the Hambletonian. It is by far the record for any single ownership, which raced the entry of Cinema and First Choice in the inaugural 1926 race and has won the classic on two occasions: Titan Hanover (1945) and Flirth (1973). In 1996, the Hambletonian Oaks trophy was named for Elbridge T. Gerry Sr., in recognition of his nearly 50 years of service to the Hambletonian Society. Berndt Lindstedt drove in Arden Homestead's historic orange and blue colors.

**MUSCLES YANKEE**, b c, by Valley Victory — Maiden Yankee, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: John Campbell      Trainer: Charles Sylvester  
 Owner: Perretti Farms Inc, I. Liverman & D. French  
 Breeder: Yankeeland Farms, (Charles Keller Family), MD  
 Groom: Bonnie Richards  
 Sale History: \$200,000 yearling purchase at the Kentucky Standardbred Sale. Perretti Farms replaced James Wheeler when the partnership was restructured in December of the colt's two-year-old season. . . 1 x 1

**DAVID RAYMOND**, b c, by Speedy Crown — Spectra Hanover, by Super Bowl  
 Driver: Cat Manzi      Trainer: Charles Sylvester  
 Owner: Guida Racing Stable Inc . . . x 2 2

**KICK TAIL**, b r, by Sierra Kosmos — Victorious Tail, by Bonefish  
 Driver: Berndt Lindstedt      Trainer: Jan Johnson  
 Owner: Arden Homestead Stable. . . x 3 3

**CONWAY HALL**, br c, by Garland Lobell — Amour Angus, by Magna Force  
 Driver: Mike Lachance      Trainer: Robert Stewart  
 Owner: A. Leavitt, L. Stewart, D. McDuffee & T. Walsh Jr . . . x 4 4

**CONFIDENT VICTORY**, bl c, by Valley Victory — Trouvaille, by Royal Prestige  
 Driver: Ron Pierce      Trainer: Ron Gurfein  
 Owner: Brittany & Fair Island Farms, Allister Stb, D. Frost . . . 4 x 5

Also competed: Giant Keeper, 3-x-6; Rockaroundtheclock, x-5-7; Indurain, 5-x-8; Silver Pine, x-1-9; Armbrö Rotary, 2-x-10; Meadowbranch Mike, 6-x-ro; Prowler, 6-x-ro; Smart Maneuver, x-7-ro; Buzzin Brian, 7-x-ro; HP Gaelic, x-8-ro.

TIME BY QUARTERS:	1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
1st Elimination	:29	:58 <sup>2</sup>	1:27 <sup>2</sup>	1:54 <sup>2</sup>
2nd Elimination	:27 <sup>3</sup>	:57	1:26 <sup>3</sup>	1:54 <sup>1</sup>
Final	:27 <sup>4</sup>	:55 <sup>2</sup>	1:24	1:52 <sup>2</sup>



PAYOFFS											
FIRST ELIMINATION				SECOND ELIMINATION				FINAL			
Muscles Yankee	2.10	2.10	2.10	Silver Pine	2.80	2.20	2.10	Muscles Yankee	2.60	2.20	2.10
Armbrö Rotary	--	--	--	David Raymond	--	--	--	David Raymond		3.40	2.20
Giant Keeper			2.10	Kick Tail			2.10	Kick Tail			2.40
EXACTA			15.20	EXACTA			6.40	EXACTA			9.60

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## **Burroughs & Malabar Man Were Pros**

Much was made of owner-breeder Malvern Burroughs status as an amateur driver in the 1997 Hambletonian. While the 56-year-old Burroughs may not drive for purse money [he donates it to charity, primarily the Seton Hall Seminary], he gave Malabar Man a perfect steer in the \$1 million trotting classic.

As one reporter, Sherry Ross of the New York *Daily News*, put it, Burroughs "drove like a chilly professional when he threaded Malabar Man through the eye of the needle to skim the rail inside of Bowlin for Dollars and win the Meadowlands race."

Burroughs, who parlayed a single dump truck into a construction and real estate empire, was involved in building the Meadowlands racing strip in the mid 1970s. This bright, sunny day he would win the track's most important race as only the second amateur [Harrison Hoyt was the first in 1948] to win the Hambletonian in the first 72 editions of the stakes.

Malabar Man was unbeaten in the first six starts he had at three, coming into the Hambletonian with victories in 19 of 21 lifetime starts.

Sent off as the 3-10 favorite in the \$1 million final, he trotted the mile in 1:55, paying \$2.60 as part of a three-horse entry. One of his stablemates in the care of trainer Jimmy Takter, Take Chances, was one-length back in second.

"I wanted to win the race for the horse," Burroughs said, wiping at the tears that mixed with sweat. "I would have felt bad if I goofed up and caused the horse not to win. I was happy the horse could show his greatness.

"I just thank God for sending me this wonderful horse," said Burroughs, who lives in Flemington, New Jersey.

Malabar Man's season continued after the Hambletonian victory, with wins in 13 of 16 starts, including the \$594,000 Breeders Crown on October 24, his final start. He retired to a career at stud at Perretti Farms in Cream Ridge, New Jersey, with a career bankroll of \$2,143,903.

In post season balloting, Burroughs' homebred son of Supergill-Lady Love McBur won the Dan Patch Award as Horse of the Year, along with honors as Trotter of the Year and Three-Year-Old Trotter of the Year.

The 1997 edition of the Hambletonian marked the first time eliminations were held the week prior to the final.

Hambletonian Day was a betting bonanza with a total harness handle of \$6,115,766 [up from \$5,819,226 in 1996] of which \$3,167,323 [up from \$3,139,833] was wagered at the Meadowlands. The crowd of 26,618 was off from the 1996 total of 28,299, but on-site betting [on the live and incoming simulcast signals] reached \$4,343,416 versus \$3,703,814 the previous year.



- For the first time, eliminations for the Hambletonian and the Hambletonian Oaks were contested the prior Saturday (August 2).
- For the first time, the elimination races were seeded by formula to balance the fields with pre-race favorites Malabar Man, Bowlin For Dollars and Yankee Glide drawing in separate eliminations.
- For the first time, the post positions for the finals were determined by an open draw. Malabar Man won from post four. He won his elimination from post three.
- Owner-breeder Malvern Burroughs became the second amateur driver to win the Hambletonian. Harrison Hoyt won with Demon Hanover in 1948. According to 87-year-old Hoyt, who was present in his first visit to the Meadowlands, Burroughs handling of Malabar Man was "Exactly the way I would have taken him."
- Malabar Man was the 20<sup>th</sup> homebred to win the Hambletonian.
- It was actually Burroughs' second Hambletonian drive; he drove Climbing Bud (5-x-5) in 1995.
- Amateur driver Burroughs donated his 5% driver's fee to Seton Hall Seminary.
- Thirty winners, including Malabar Man, traced their paternal line directly to Volomite (second to Walter Dear in the 1929 Hambletonian). Volomite was a great-great grandson of Hambletonian 10. Malabar Man was the 60<sup>th</sup> of the 73 winners to trace their paternal line directly to Peter The Great, a great-grandson of Hambletonian 10.
- John & Adelaide Skoglund's Must Be Victory set a stakes record in the Oaks winning in 1:53 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. Must Be Victory is by Valley Victory, sire of three Hambletonian winners and two Oaks winners from his first five crops.
- The purse for the final of the Hambletonian Oaks was increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000.





## Malabar Man

**MALABAR MAN**, br c, by Supergill—Lady Love Mcbur, by Meadow Road  
 Driver: Mal Burroughs Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
 Owner & Trainer: Malvern C. Burroughs, Flemington, NJ  
 Groom: Eva Bohman . . . x 1 x 1

**TAKE CHANCES**, br c, by Super Bowl — Feeling Great, by Mystic Park  
 Driver: Wally Hennessey Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
 Owner: Brittany Farms . . . 2 x 2

**ARMBRO PLATO**, b g, by Balanced Image — Armbrro Inspiration, by Dream Of Glory  
 Driver: Ray Schnittker Trainer: Ray Schnittker  
 Owner: Schnittker, Seal Stb., Scheelar & Kelk's Inc. . . . x 4 3

Also competed: Vaporize, x-x-2-6; Sand Chaser, 3-x-x-7; Divinator, x-x-3-8; Meadowbranch Lucky, x-2-x-9; Yankee Glide, x-x-1-10; Baltic Bet, 4-x-x-ro; Stags Breath, x-4-x-ro; Sport DA, 5-x-x-ro; Famously, x-5-x-ro; Karlsruhe, x-x-5-ro; Armbrro Prestige, 6-x-x-ro; Doc's Shawbet, x-6-x-ro; Fiveonefour, x-x-6-ro; Yeehaw Junction, 7-x-x-ro; Victory's Force, x-7-x-ro.

**BOWLIN FOR DOLLARS**, b c, by Super Bowl—Joy Kosmos, by Speedy Somolli  
 Driver: Trond Smedshammer Trainer: Trond Smedshammer  
 Owner: Einari Kalie Vidgren . . . 1 x 4

**GIANT SPECIAL**, b g, by Supergill—Keystone Special, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: John Plutino Trainer: Flo Elliott  
 Owner: Robins Racing Stable Inc . . . x 3 x 5

<b>TIME BY QUARTERS:</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>MILE</b>
1st Elimination	:27 <sup>2</sup>	:55	1:24	1:53 <sup>4</sup>
2nd Elimination	:27 <sup>4</sup>	:56 <sup>1</sup>	1:26	1:55 <sup>1</sup>
3rd Elimination	:27 <sup>3</sup>	:56 <sup>3</sup>	1:26	1:55 <sup>1</sup>
Final	:29	:58	1:27 <sup>1</sup>	1:55

### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Bowlin For Dollars	3.60	2.60	2.20
Take Chances		5.20	3.40
Sand Chaser			4.40
EXACTA			24.40

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Malabar Man	2.20	2.10	2.10
Meadowbranch Lucky		2.60	2.10
Giant Special			2.10
EXACTA			6.60

#### FINAL

Malabar Man	2.60	3.00	2.10
Take Chances	--	--	--
Armbrro Plato			3.80
EXACTA			46.60

#### THIRD ELIMINATION

Yankee Glide	4.60	3.60	2.40
Vaporize		5.40	2.60
Divinator			2.40
EXACTA			22.40

# 1996

The Meadowlands August 3, 1996 • Purse \$1,200,000

## Filly Sets the Hambletonian Standard

As she muscled her way into the record book, Continentalvictory flicked her luxuriant black tail into the air and for the second time on Saturday, August 3, 1996, she crossed the finish line first to win the 71st Hambletonian.

Next stop was victory lane where she would become the 13th filly to win the world's most prestigious race for three-year-old trotters.

Since the introduction of the companion filly stakes, the Hambletonian Oaks, in 1971, few have opted to challenge the colts.

Continentalvictory did not only take on the colts, she obliterated the record book. Her opening heat of 1:52<sup>1</sup> was the fastest mile in Hambletonian history and a standard for three-year-old trotting fillies. It also equaled Mack Lobell's mark for sophomore trotters. With her 1:52<sup>4</sup> finale, she posted the fastest double heat total of 3:45, more than a second off the previous record.

Reduced to five starters, the second division participants, headed by Lindy Lane, were all assured a spot in the final. Bill O'Donnell, put the Lindy Farms homebred on top at the quarter pole and pulled away to a length and three-quarter victory in 1:53<sup>2</sup>.

Despite her brilliant first heat performance, Continentalvictory was the betting public's second choice to Lindy Lane in the final heat raced late that afternoon – nearly four o'clock — before a crowd of 28,229 and millions of others watching at simulcasting locations and via the live CBS-TV broadcast.

The \$1 million Hambletonian Final did not get off without a hitch. One of the finalists, Pine Man, was scratched sick. Then Armbro Officer and Act Of Grace each caused delays by breaking at the gate.

Tony Oaks, 80-1, fired up by the two recalls, charged out after

Continentalvictory and Lindy Lane, who were sitting 1-2 to the quarter in 28<sup>1</sup> and a half in 55<sup>4</sup>. But Lachance was not about to yield to the longshot, leaving him parked along side Lindy Lane. Continentalvictory got a bit of a breather to a three-quarters clocked in 1:23 before the all out battle to the wire unfolded.

"I got within a head, and she just got away," O'Donnell noted. "[Lindy Lane] gave her a good run for the money. He thought he got to her and was going to get by her, and she shifted into an extra gear. What an athlete that filly is. She's like [Olympian] Jackie Joyner-Kersey."

Continentalvictory stopped the teletimer in 1:52<sup>4</sup>, last quarter in 27<sup>3</sup> seconds, to secure the victory over Lindy Lane. It was four lengths back to Running Sea in third.

Into the jubilant winner's circle streamed the members of the Continentalvictory Stable: Deena Frost [Highland Beach, FL], Harvey Gold [Marlborough, CT], Rosalie and Jerry Silva [Oceanside, NY], Stix, Inc. [Ken Orr of Saddle River, NJ and David Hauck of Conley, GA] and David Offenberg's Allister Stables [Marlboro, NJ].

Continentalvictory, with victories in the Yonkers Trot and the Hambletonian, had two thirds of the Triple Crown for trotters. Her bid to be the first filly to win the Triple Crown was denied when she pulled a suspensory and was scratched from the first heat of the Kentucky Futurity on October 4. She was voted Three-Year-Old Filly Trotter of 1996 to add to her divisional honors at two in 1995. The ultimate accolade was to come as she was voted 1996 Horse of the Year.



- Continentalvictory became just the second filly to win the Hambletonian since the Oaks was inaugurated in 1971.
- First elimination heat won by Continentalvictory in 1:52.1 was a Hambletonian stakes record. The mile tied the existing 3-year-old world record (Mack Lobell) and was a world record for three-year-old fillies. It also broke the track record at The Meadowlands for a three year old, regardless of gender, and was the fastest pari-mutuel race at the track by a trotter, regardless of age.

- Third of only three black trotters to win; Hoot Mon and Park Avenue Joe were the others.
- Hambletonian Oaks winner Moni Maker has a rich Hambletonian pedigree. She is by the 1971 Hambletonian winner Speedy Crown, out of the 1988 Oaks winner, Nan's Catch. Nan's Catch is the only Oaks winner to produce an Oaks winner.

**CONTINENTALVICTORY**, Blk f, by Valley Victory—Intercontinental, by Chiola Hanover  
Driver: Mike Lachance Trainer: Ron Gurfein  
Owner: Continentalvictory Stable . . . 1 x 1

LINDY LANE, br c, by Valley Victory — Lindiliana, by Speedy Crown  
Driver: William O' Donnell Trainer: Osvaldo Formia  
Owner: Lindy Racing Stable . . . x 1 2

RUNNING SEA, b c, by Supergill — Wish for Speed, by Speedy Crown  
Driver: Walter Hennessey Trainer: Charles Sylvester  
Owner: DDH Racing Stables, Inc. . . . x 2 3

KRAMER BOY, b c, by Sugarcane Hanover—Traffic Jam S, by Speedy Crown  
Driver: Jack Moiseyev Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
Owner: Ab Dica Vinn and Alan Ritchie . . . x 3 4

ARMBRO OFFICER, b g, by Balanced Image — Armbro Flori, by Speedy Crown  
Driver: Steve Condren Trainer: Robert McIntosh

Also competed: Freezing Cold, 3-x-6; Steeler Spur, x-5-7; Tony Oaks, 4-x-8; Act of Grace, 2-x-9; Pine Man, 5-x-scr; Pietro Pan, 6-x-ro; Mr Vic, scr.

TIME BY QUARTERS:	1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
1st Elimination	:28 <sup>2</sup>	:55 <sup>3</sup>	1:23	1:52 <sup>1</sup>
2nd Elimination	:28 <sup>2</sup>	:56 <sup>2</sup>	1:25 <sup>4</sup>	1:53 <sup>2</sup>
Final	:28 <sup>1</sup>	:55 <sup>4</sup>	1:25 <sup>1</sup>	1:52 <sup>4</sup>



### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Continentalvictory	3.40	2.10	2.10
Act Of Grace		2.20	2.10
Freezing Cold			2.10
EXACTA			4.80

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Lindy Lane	2.60	2.20	2.10
Running Sea		2.40	2.10
Kramer Boy			2.10
EXACTA			5.20

#### FINAL

Continentalvictory	4.60	2.40	2.40
Lindy Lane		2.20	2.20
Running Sea			3.00
EXACTA			7.80
TRIFECTA			28.40

### Campbell Brothers Score Touchdown With Tagliabue

The 70th edition of the Cadillac Hambletonian provided a feeling of *deja vu*. Like the 1989 version of the Classic race, the two-year-old champions were expected to square off for the second jewel of trotting's Triple Crown. But, like 1989, the script was subject to revisions. In 1989, Valley Victory, the dominant colt trotter, came down with an illness just days before the Hambletonian and never raced again. In 1995, Valley Victory's son Donerail, the top colt trotter as a freshman, was not coming into the race as his trainer Stanley Dancer expected and he was retired just prior to the big event.

Peace Corps, the champion two-year-old filly of 1988, raced in the Hambletonian but was not up to par, finishing third. However, CR Kay Suzie, last year's brilliant filly champion, came into the 70th Hambletonian with all indications that she was ready to become the first female victor since Duenna to wear the Hambletonian crown.

CR Kay Suzie was one of three horses racing for the Carl Allen family. Father Carl was aboard CR Trackmaster, son Mike would pilot Super Wally, and son Rod would be in his usual spot behind Suzie. CR Kay Suzie, who set world records on all three-sized tracks at two, had quite a following. Members of the press often stopped by the Allen barn, and fans flocked to the races to see her. The discussions among racing fans before the Hambletonian centered not on whether Suzie would win, but how fast she would go and how much she would win by.

CR Kay Suzie drew into the first Hambletonian elimination, leaving from post six. She settled third through the first turn as Giant Hit took the lead, with Uma right behind. Rod Allen tipped her out past the quarter pole, and the filly picked up speed as she made a move for the front. Then, the unthinkable happened. CR Kay Suzie went on a break in the blink of an eye, as Allen desperately tried to get her back trotting.

John Campbell, steering Arlene and Jules Siegel's lightly-raced Tagliabue, was following Suzie's move but was not affected by the break. Tagliabue did however, throw in a few steps on the turn, when he attempted to pass Giant Hit who had held onto the lead.

Campbell got the strapping colt back on stride quickly, but all eyes were on CR Kay Suzie, who had only to beat two colts to qualify for the final. It was not to be her day, however, as she struggled and finished sixth. Tagliabue

swept by Giant Hit for the score, with that rival holding on for second, Uma third, Deliberate Speed fourth and Climbing Bud fifth.

The Allen family's luck didn't improve in the second elimination. Mike Allen sent Super Wally, who won the Dexter Cup earlier in the year, for the lead. But when King Pine challenged up the backside, Super Wally went on a break. Father Carl and CR Track Master had jumped off stride in the first turn as well. Another surprise, Abundance, took the second heat. With John Patterson Jr. in the bike, Abundance shook loose after being locked in to win in 1:56<sup>2</sup>. Earthquake was second, and King Pine, whom most considered the one most likely to dethrone Suzie, was third. Trustworthy and Super Star Ranger rounded out the final five.

In the final, Giant Hit and Abundance carved the early fractions, while Deliberate Speed settled in the three hole. Both Trustworthy and King Pine took themselves out of contention with a break in the first turn. Campbell moved Tagliabue first-over early at the quarter in :28, and nabbed the lead. They hit the half in :56<sup>1</sup>, and when Uma made a move only to make a break, a locked-in Abundance and Bill Fahy were able to get racing room.

Tagliabue by that point was some five lengths in front, and cruised under the wire a comfortable winner by more than two lengths in 1:54<sup>4</sup>. Abundance was second, and Giant Hit third.

The victory wasn't an ordinary Hambletonian victory for John Campbell, even though his fourth Hambletonian crown put him in very lofty company with Bill Haughton, Ben White and Stanley Dancer as the only men to drive four winners.

It was the fact that younger brother Jim trained the winner that gave Campbell such a thrill. "It's a tremendous feeling," he said. "It's even more special when it's with Jimmy." The Campbells' parents, Jack and Florence, joined the celebration in the winner's circle.

Tagliabue, bred by John and Adelaide Skoglund and named after NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, was purchased as a yearling for \$55,000 by Arlene and Jules Siegel. The Siegels, who owned a chain of drugstores in New Jersey but now spend their time with their horses, tapped Jim Campbell to train their Fashion Farm horses just a year prior to their biggest victory.



- Ninth consecutive Hambletonian in which Louis P. Guida had a starter that he co-owned or managed.
- One of only seven Hambletonian winners that did not start as a 2-year-old.
- Tagliabue was a record 27<sup>th</sup> winner sired by a Hanover Shoe Farms stallion.
- Tagliabue was voted the 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.
- Pre-race favorite C R Kay Suzie made a break in her elimination and failed to qualify for the \$1 million final.
- John and Richard Ducharme's Abundance won the second elimination, triggering the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest win price ever at \$104.20. Only Delvin G. Hanover, who returned \$126.20 in winning his elimination in 1984 paid more.

# 1995

## Tagliabue

**TAGLIABUE**, b c, by Super Bowl — Double Coverage, by Speedy Crown

Driver: John Campbell Trainer: Jim Campbell

Owner: Arlene & Jules J. Siegel, New Hope, PA

Breeder: Adelaide & John Skoglund, MN

Groom: Chrissy Neece

Sale History: \$50,000 yearling at Tattersalls Sale. . . 1 x 1

**ABUNDANCE**, b c, by Armbrø Goal — Sotto Voce, by Nevele Pride

Driver: William Fahy Trainer: John Ducharme

Owner: John E. & Richard J. Ducharme . . . x 1 2

**GIANT HIT**, b c, by Speedy Crown — Classic Cassette, by Florida Pro

Driver: John Patterson, Jr. Trainer: Per Eriksson

Owner: Robins Racing Stable, Ted & Jacqueline Gewertz . . . 2 x 3

**EARTHQUAKE**, b c, Supergill — Tarport Bridget, by Speedy Crown

Driver: Berndt Lindstedt Trainer: Jan Johnson

Owner: KG Bertmarks Hingstdeps. . . 2 x 4

**CLIMBING BUD**, b c, Armbrø Goal — Kentucky Rosebud, by Bonefish

Driver: Malvern Burroughs Trainer: Jimmy Takter

Owner: Malvern Burroughs . . . 5 x 5

Also competed: Deliberate Speed, 4-x-6; Super Star Ranger, x-5-7; Trustworthy, x-4-8; Uma, 3-x-9; King Pine, x-3-10; CR Kay Suzie, 6-x-ro; Valleymeister, x-6-ro; Sword Frazier, 7-x-ro; Easy Lover, x-7-ro; CR Track Master, x-8-ro; Super Wally, x-9-ro; Tap In, scr.

<b>TIME BY QUARTERS:</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>MILE</b>
1st Elimination	:28 <sup>1</sup>	:57 <sup>1</sup>	1:25 <sup>3</sup>	1:54 <sup>4</sup>
2nd Elimination	:28 <sup>4</sup>	:57 <sup>1</sup>	1:26 <sup>1</sup>	1:56 <sup>2</sup>
Final	:28	:56 <sup>1</sup>	1:24 <sup>4</sup>	1:54 <sup>4</sup>

### PAYOFFS

#### FIRST ELIMINATION

Tagliabue	10.20	4.40	17.60
Giant Hit		8.80	37.00
Uma			104.00
EXACTA			86.60
TRIFECTA			658.00

#### SECOND ELIMINATION

Abundance	104.20	32.00	6.00
Earthquake		23.40	8.00
King Pine			2.80
EXACTA			1,186.60
TRIFECTA			3,762.20

#### FINAL

Tagliabue	3.60	3.00	2.60
Abundance		8.80	5.80
Giant Hit			3.20
EXACTA			28.80
TRIFECTA			76.00





# 1994

The Meadowlands • August 6, 1994 • Purse \$1,200,000

## Dream Provides 'Victory' Revisited

Valley Victory looked to be a formidable force in the 1989 Hambletonian, and a match-up with fabulous filly Peace Corps promised a great race. Alas, Valley Victory came down with a virus just days before the contest and was retired from racing.

With impeccable breeding, hopes were high for Valley Victory's career at stud. His first crop of Hambletonian colts came of age in 1994. When the field went behind the gate on August 6, no less than five of his offspring were there looking to avenge their father.

Victory Dream had won all seven of his races at the Meadowlands leading up to the Budweiser Beacon Course and was widely considered to be the pre-race Hambletonian favorite but he lost a bit of his luster when he was a flat fourth in the Beacon Course Final.

Others that attracted plenty of attention coming into the trotting classic were Yonkers Trot winner Bullville Victory, another son of Valley Victory; Mr Lavec; and Two-Year-Old Champion Wesgate Crown.

Victory Dream's driver and trainer, Mike Lachance and Ron Gurfein, had never won a Hambletonian, but his owners, the Antonacci clan of Connecticut, certainly had. Frank Antonacci, who bred the colt along with his brother, Tommy,

bought back Victory Dream as a yearling for his wife and daughters. He, along with his cousin, Guy Antonacci, owned 1969 and 1971 Hambletonian winners Lindy's Pride and Speedy Crown.

In the first elimination dash, Victory Dream was an easy two and a half length winner in 1:53<sup>4</sup>. Bullville Victory edged Mr. Lavec in 1:54<sup>4</sup> in the other.

In the final, driver/trainer Jimmy Takter fired Mr. Lavec off the gate and led the way to a :26<sup>3</sup> opening quarter, the fastest such fraction in Hambletonian history. Mike Lachance sent Victory Dream after the leader at that point and was in control at the half, which was trotted in :56<sup>1</sup>. Mr. Lavec shadowed the leader to the three-quarters in 1:25<sup>4</sup>, but Victory Dream had plenty in the tank to repulse the challenge.

Lachance and Victory Dream sailed under the wire in 1:54<sup>4</sup>. Mr. Lavec was second in spite of locking wheels with Bullville Victory in deep stretch. Bye Tsem was third, and Smasher was fourth. Smasher is owned by Arlene Traub, who also owned Valley Victory and, like the winner, is from that sire's first crop.

The Meadowlands handled \$4.9 million total for the Cadillac Hambletonian Day card, a world and track record.



- Guy "Sonny" Antonacci, a member of the Victory Dream Stable, has been a co-owner on a record four Hambletonian winners (Lindy's Pride, 1969; Probe, 1989; Harmonious, 1990; Victory Dream, 1994). His sons, Frank and Gerry, who comprise Lindy Racing Stable, have been co-owners on: Victory Dream, Harmonious and Probe. His cousin, Frank J. Antonacci, has been a co-owner of: Lindy's Pride, Speedy Crown and Victory Dream.
- Victory Dream was from the first crop of Valley Victory, who along with Mystic Park are the youngest sires (4-years-old) to produce a Hambletonian winner.
- The Minnehaha maternal family produced a record-tying ninth Hambletonian winner.

- Victory Dream was voted the 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.
- Runner up Mr. Lavec, although trained in the U.S. by Swedish native Jimmy Takter, was a Swedish-sired and bred colt by 1978 winner Speedy Somolli. He was the first European-sired horse in the classic. (Speedy Somolli was exported and stood in Sweden since 1990.) Mr. Lavec finished second in his elim and second in the final beaten 2 3/4 lengths – the best finish ever by a European-bred horse in the Hambletonian. The colt was raised at owner Johan Diedan's farm in Ireland.
- Amateur driver Mal Burroughs won the Oaks with Gleam.

**VICTORY DREAM**, b c, by Valley Victory — Crown Dream, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Mike Lachance      Trainer: Ron Gurfein  
 Owner: FA Stable (F. Antonacci) & Victory Dream Stable (A. Leavitt, et al)  
 Breeder: Crown Stable (Frank & Thomas Antonacci), NY  
 Groom: John Sokul  
 Sale History: \$40,000 yearling at Kentucky Standardbred Sale. Syndicated prior to Hambletonian. . . . 1 x 1

**MR. LAVEC**, br c, by Speedy Somolli — Kramer Samba, by Allen Hanover  
 Driver: Jimmy Takter      Trainer: Jimmy Takter  
 Owner: AB Dica Vinn . . . x 2 2

**BYE TSEM**, br c, by Sir Taurus — Quail Ridge Nancy, by Texas  
 Driver: Joe Hudon Jr.      Trainer: Joe Hudon Jr.  
 Owner: Marilyn R. Fromowitz . . . x 5 3

**SMASHER**, b c, Valley Victory — Fiesta Bowl, by Super Bowl  
 Driver: William O'Donnell      Trainer: Per Eriksson  
 Owner: Arlene Traub . . . 2 x 4

**FEDERAL YANKEE**, b c, Valley Victory — Flaming Yankee, by Speedy Crown  
 Driver: Doug R. Ackerman      Trainer: Doug J. Ackerman  
 Owner: Richard S. Staley . . . x 3 5

Also competed: Gum Ball, 3-x-10; Call Upon, 4-x-8; Space Probe, 5-x-9; Victor Victor, 6-x-x; Easter West, 7-x-ro; Wesgate Crown, 8-x-ro; Whiteland Image, 9-x-ro; Bullville Victory, x-1-6; Bosphorus, x-4-7; Speedy Big Boy, x-6-ro; Collier St Berkie, x-7-x.

TIME BY QUARTERS:	1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
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2nd Elimination	:27 <sup>1</sup>	:57 <sup>2</sup>	1:26 <sup>1</sup>	1:54 <sup>4</sup>
Final	:26 <sup>3</sup>	:56 <sup>1</sup>	1:25 <sup>4</sup>	1:54 <sup>1</sup>



PAYOFFS											
FIRST ELIMINATION			SECOND ELIMINATION			FINAL					
Victory Dream	3.40	2.80	2.60	Bullville Victory	12.60	4.00	2.60	Victory Dream	2.80	2.20	2.20
Smasher		10.80	5.80	Mr. Lavec		2.80	2.20	Mr. Lavec		3.60	3.00
Gum Ball			3.40	Federal Yankee			2.80	Bye Tsem			6.20
EXACTA			51.00	EXACTA			34.20	EXACTA			8.00
TRIFECTA			146.60	TRIFECTA			154.60	TRIFECTA			241.60