

# 1955

**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 3, 1955 • Purse \$86,863.32**

## Scott Frost: The Champ Comes Through

Seldom has there been as much of a solid favorite for the Hambletonian as Scott Frost. Joe O'Brien's star pupil, owned by S. A. Camp of Shafter, California, lived up to his billing in the Hambletonian tuneups. The son of Hoot Mon and Nora was unbeaten in his three-year-old form when he paraded to post for the Hambletonian. His first race had taken four heats at Historic Track.

Trainer O'Brien, always known for his guarded pessimism, was far from happy about the prospects on race day. The brilliant colt had worked poorly in his final prep and the condition of the track just didn't suit the long striding favorite.

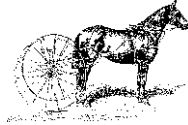
The first favorite to win since Demon Hanover in 1948, Scott Frost forged home in 2:01<sup>3</sup> and back in 2:00<sup>3</sup>. Only his sire, Hoot Mon had trotted faster (2:00) to that point. The two heat total was the best on record for the event, displacing the 2:01<sup>1/2</sup>-2:01<sup>3/4</sup> duet set by Shirley Hanover.

In the first heat, stablemate Butch Hanover shoved his head past Scott Frost at the third pole, but Scott Frost turned for home on top. It looked like a

breeze until the last sixteenth when John Simpson fired up Leopold Hanover for a sizzling sprint, forcing Joe O'Brien to shake his colt up to win by half a length.

The second mile, Scott Frost had the lead at the three-quarters. Billy Haughton behind Galophone made his bid an eighth from home and the pair engaged in a head and head duel. Fifty feet out it looked as if Galophone might snatch the decision but Scott Frost hung on and won by a head.

Scott Frost's dam, Nora, was purchased by Roy Amos of Frost Hill Farm, Edinburg, Indiana at the W. N. Reynolds dispersal sale at Harrisburg. Scott Frost was foaled on his property and raised at the Hoosier farm. An all-time great, Scott Frost followed up on his Hambletonian win with victories in the Yonkers Futurity and the Kentucky Futurity. Back on his home ground in California, the bay colt blazed to a 1:59<sup>2</sup> triumph over the best aged trotters. Not only did Scott Frost win more money than any other horse in a single season, the Camp headliner took over the leading money winning stallion title.



- A winner of 23 of 28 starts at three, Hambletonian day was one of the few times that Scott Frost did not dominate his peers. After winning a tough three-heat stake at Vernon Downs that concluded at midnight just five days before the Hambletonian, Scott Frost was tested to the limit in the straight heats, first by Leopold Hanover and then by Galophone. Accounts of both heats give much of the credit to O'Brien's reinsmanship. O'Brien modestly attributed the victory to courage on the part of his trotter.

- Scott Frost captured the first Triple Crown of Trotting in its initial year when he won the Kentucky Futurity and the very first edition of the Yonkers Trot. The publicity department of Yonkers apparently first applied the "Triple Crown" designation. It appeared in their year-end wrap up in the trades and was included the following year in the 1956 U.S.T.A. Trotting & Pacing Guide.
- The first three-year-old trotter to record more than one 2:00 mile (3), Scott Frost was selected Horse of the Year by the harness writers.

**SCOTT FROST**, b c, by Hoot Mon—Nora, by Spencer  
Driver & Trainer: Joe O'Brien  
Owner: S. A. Camp Farms (Sol Camp), Shafter, CA  
Breeder: Tanglewood Farm (Estate of W.N. Reynolds), NC  
Groom: Don Beal  
Sale History: \$8,200 yearling at Tattersalls Sale . . . 1 1

**GALOPHONE**, by Bill Gallon—Carophone, by Phonograph  
Driver: William Haughton  
Owner: William T. Maybury . . . 3 2

**LEOPOLD HANOVER**, by Titan Hanover — Leonora Hanover, by Laurence Hanover  
Driver: John Simpson, Sr.  
Owner: Charlotte DeVan . . . 2 3

**BUTCH HANOVER**, by Hoot Mon — Brenda Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
Driver: Jack Richardson  
Owner: S. A. Camp Farms . . . 4 4\*

Also competed: Way Ahead 5-9, Childs Hanover 10-5, Indian Raider 6-7, Colbymite 9-6, Flemington 7-8, Arvilla Hanover 8-10, Home Free 11-11.

\*Only first four finishers received checks (60% - 25% - 10% - 5%)

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
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# 1954

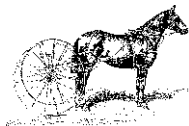
**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 4, 1954 • Purse \$106,830.68**

## Newport Dream: The Comeback

The champion two-year-old the previous year, Newport Dream had been lame in the spring of 1954. But when the Axomite colt, owned by Octave Blake and trained by Del Cameron, got to Goshen, he was ready for the Hambletonian.

In the first heat, Newport Dream trailed in eighth position to the half and used a burst of speed to take the lead for a three-length victory in 2:02<sup>4</sup>. He won the second heat in the same time, rallying to catch Harlan in the final strides of a tight four-horse finish.

For Grand Circuit President Blake, his first Hambletonian victory came after favored Newport Star, full brother to Newport Dream, failed in the 1953 Hambletonian. Early in 1955, Blake's Hambletonian trophy was washed out of his Cape Cod home by a hurricane and was found a few days later nestled in the sand near the cottage.



- Newport Dream was the first USHWA/USTA Two-Year-Old trotter of the year (1953) to win the Hambletonian, a feat repeated only 14 more times.
- The Hambletonian trophy was lost in a hurricane that swept through Cape Cod during the following year, destroying the beach home of owner Octave Blake. Several days later, the trophy along with its base was discovered in the sand where it had washed up on the beach.

**NEWPORT DREAM**, b c, by Axomite—Miss Key, by Long Key  
Driver & Trainer: Del Cameron  
Owner & Breeder: Newport Stock Farm (Octave Blake), South Plainfield, NJ  
Groom: Jim MacDonald . . . 1 1

**PRINCESS RODNEY**, by Rodney—Princess Peg, by Volomite  
Driver: Frank Ervin  
Owner: Walnut Hall Stud . . . 2 3

**HARLAN**, by Bill Gallon—Highland Lassie, by Scotland  
Driver: James Arthur  
Owner: C. M. Provost . . . 14 2

Also competed: Darn Safe 8-5, Ideal Hanover 5-8, Lord Pick 10-7, Rotary Hanover 7-10, Pronto Boy 11-9, Darn Sweet 9-11, Newport Pearl 12-14, True Newport 16-13, Cronus 13-16, Runnymede Hathorn 15-15

**VICKI HANOVER**, by Hoot Mon—Voltina, by Volomite  
Driver: James Wingfield  
Owner: Stanley Cooper . . . 3 12

**STENOGRAPHER**, by Bill Gallon—Follow Me, by Follow Up  
Driver: Del Miller  
Owner: Max Hempt . . . 6 4

**PRINCE VICTOR**, by Victory Song—Princess Meg, by Scotland  
Driver: James Hackett  
Owner: Samuel Huttenbauer . . . 4 6

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# 1953

**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 12, 1953 • Purse \$117,117.98**

## Helicopter: Records Galore

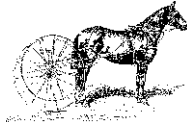
A slew of firsts marked the filly Helicopter's victory in the 1953 Hambletonian.

J. Elgin and C. E. Armstrong of Brampton, Ontario, were the first Canadian owners to win the trotting classic; Helicopter's sire Hoot Mon (1947 Hambletonian winner) was the first winner to sire a winner; Harry Harvey, at 29, was the youngest winning driver at the time; the total first place money of \$53,126.59 was the most won in a single season by a three-year-old trotting filly, and the total purse of \$117,117.98 (including breeders' awards) was the largest to date.

Helicopter's 17th place finish after breaking in the first heat didn't suggest that the filly would have much of a chance. Morse Hanover captured the first contest.

In the next two, however, Helicopter was victorious, holding off stablemate Singing Sword with Delvin Miller in one and Kimberly Kid with Tom Berry in the other.

Helicopter, so named because Mrs. Frances Van Lennep used a helicopter from her Castleton Farm to deliver a baby in a Lexington hospital when winter storms closed the roads, was retired to Armstrong Farm. She is the dam of Armbrø Flight, who won a heat of the 1965 Hambletonian. Armbrø Flight, in turn, is the dam of 1988 Hambletonian winner Armbrø Goal.



- First \$100,000 purse in the Hambletonian.
- The largest field to ever start in the Hambletonian – 23 – consisted of two tiers and three more trailers in the third tier.
- Helicopter's dam, Tronia Hanover, was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and sold privately as a yearling because of a winged foot for \$50 to Richard Hoke. Helicopter was sold as a weanling named Bell-Ard Monia at Harrisburg in November 1950 and was purchased by Castleton Farm for \$1,150. She was the first foal by Hoot Mon (1947) ever sold at auction. Renamed Helicopter, she changed hands again the next fall in Castleton's yearling consignment at Lexington. She was purchased by Delvin Miller and John Simpson Sr. for \$2,000.

- First Canadian-owned winner of the Hambletonian and the first stake winner owned by the Armstrong Brothers, Helicopter was purchased privately from Miller and Simpson for \$9,200 as a two year old (\$7,500 plus an additional \$1,700 based on her two-year-old earnings). She, along with Dottie's Pick on the pacing side, became a foundation broodmare of one of the sport's most extraordinarily successful racing dynasties.
- Miller's assistant, 29-year-old Harry Harvey, was the youngest driver to that date to win the Hambletonian.
- Hoot Mon became: 1.) the first winner to sire a winner; 2.) the first stallion to sire a Hambletonian winner from his first crop; and 3.) the youngest stallion (as a five year old in 1949) to sire a winner to that date.
- Jimmy Wingfield, who came to prominence in the sport as the caretaker for the great Greyhound, won the first heat driving Morse Hanover.

**HELICOPTER**, br f, by Hoot Mon—Tronia Hanover, by Lawrence Hanover  
 Driver: Harry Harvey  
 Trainer: Delvin Miller  
 Owner: J. Elgin and C. Edwin Armstrong, Brampton, ONT  
 Breeder: Richard W. Hoke, PA  
 Groom: Bill Horner  
 Sale History: \$1,150 weanling at Standardbred Horse Sale; \$2,000 yearling at Tattersalls Sale . . . 17 1 1

**MORSE HANOVER**, by Dean Hanover—Margo Scot, by Scotland  
 Driver: James Wingfield  
 Owner: W. C. Evans . . . 1 11 5

**SINGING SWORD**, by Dean Hanover—Song Girl, by Peter Song  
 Driver: Del Miller  
 OWNER: Gay Acres Farm . . . 2 3 3

Also competed: Vitan Frisco 4-21-10, Victory's First 5-6-7, Famous Hanover 6-7-8, Aerial Gunner 14-8-15, Allure 12-23-9, Bewitch 15-9-17, Bengazi 18-10-11, Abbasong 10-12-18, Peter Lind 11-13-13, Simpson Hanover 21-22-12, Shelby Hanover 22-13-14, Newport Champ 16-14-19, Newport Mascot 23-17-16, Anchora Hanover 20-20-20, Express Colby 9-19-dr, King Nibble 13-16-dr, Sir Lullwater 19-18-dr.

**ELBY HANOVER**, by Hoot Mon  
 Driver: Frank Ervin  
 Owner: C. M. Saunders . . . 7 2 4

**KIMBERLY KID**, by Volomite—Kimberly Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Tom Berry  
 Owner: Leonard J. Buck . . . 8 5 2

**NEWPORT STAR**, by Axomite—Miss Key, by Long Key  
 Driver: Del Cameron  
 Owner: Newport Stock Farm . . . 3 4 6

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# 1952

**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 7, 1952 • Purse \$85,884.80**

## Sharp Note: The Old and the New

At 74, Bion Shively, known as the Oklahoma Sage, became the oldest driver to win a Hambletonian when he accomplished the feat with Sharp Note in 1952 for owner C. W. Clark of Dearborn, Michigan.

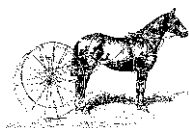
Sharp Note, a \$1,000 yearling purchase from the Walnut Hall Farm 1950 consignment, was lightly-raced at two.

As in the previous year, showers caused the 1952 Hambletonian to be delayed from Wednesday to Thursday. It was nearly 4 p.m. when the field of 16

went to post. Sharp Note was off poorly on a break in the first heat and finished a distant 10th as Hit Song won by half a length over the favored Duke of Lullwater.

In the second heat, Sharp Note stormed around the field and won easily.

Leaving from the pole in the final heat, Sharp Note took charge at the three-quarter pole, coasting home to a two-length victory over Hit Song in 2:03<sup>2</sup>.



- At age 74, Shively was the oldest driver to win the Hambletonian. Bi Shively's story was documented in the movie short, Old Man in a Hurry. Shively was a veteran of the Spanish American War.

- In a remarkable conditioning job, Sharp Note had not raced in almost three months before the Hambletonian,
- Sharp Note was the Three-year-old Trotter of the Year in the harness writers' first divisional balloting.

**SHARP NOTE**, b c, by Phonograph — Rosemary Hanover, by Guy McKinney  
 Driver & Trainer: Bion Shively  
 Owner: C. W. Clark, Dearborn, MI  
 Breeder: Walnut Hall Farm, KY  
 Groom: Leo O'Hara  
 Sale History: \$1,000 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Sale . . . 10 1 1

**HIT SONG**, by Darnley—Evensong, by Nelson Dillon  
 Driver: Harry Pownall  
 Owner: E. R. Harriman and L. B. Sheppard . . . 1 3 2

**DUKE OF LULLWATER**, by Volomite—Dutchess Hanover, by Calumet Chuck  
 Driver: John Simpson Sr.  
 Owner: Walter Candler . . . 2 2 3

Also competed: Dallas Hanover 6-14-11, Theme Song 9-8-7, Hardy Hanover 15-7-8, Triumph Hanover 7-9-14, Epicure 8-11-12, Volo Colby 16-16-9, Leatherwood Day 11-10-13, Excellent Colby 12-13-10, Peter Nibble 13-12-dr, Crystal Hanover 14-15-dr.

**SCOTCH VICTOR**, by Scotland—Victory Mite, by Volomite  
 Driver: Joe O'Brien  
 Owner: S. A. Camp . . . 3 5 5

**DIPLOMAT HANOVER**, by Volomite—Lucy Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Frank Ervin  
 Owner: L. E. Lake . . . 5 4 4

**LU PECK**, by Arch Hanover—Lucilla, by Kuno  
 Driver: Harry Fitzpatrick  
 Owner: O. L. Mears . . . 4 6 6

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# 1951

**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 9, 1951 • Purse \$93,358.65**

## Mainliner: On Wisconsin

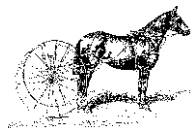
A massive field of 20 went to post in two tiers in 1951 for the richest purse in harness racing history, \$98,263.93.

Driven by Guy Crippen, the roman-nosed Mainliner emerged the victor for Ralph H. Kroening of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kroening's first Hambletonian starter, Lord Steward, finished third in 1950.

Kroening, preoccupied by his engineering business, didn't see the colt

race until the Hambletonian. Sent off at 27-1, Mainliner rated early and brushed to the front past the three-quarters and won by two lengths over Spennib in 2:02<sup>3</sup>.

Crippen, who would die the following year at the age of 62, positioned the colt on the rail in the second heat, sitting third most of the way. Crippen moved Mainliner at the head of the lane, urging him to a length and a half advantage over Scotch Rhythm in 2:04<sup>3</sup>.



- A private \$25,000 acquisition during the previous year's Grand Circuit meeting at DuQuoin, Kroening purchased Mainliner from Sep Palin. Mr. Kroening's desire to win the Hambletonian was stimulated in part by reading Marguerite Henry's *Born To Trot*.
- It was the second Hambletonian winner for Mainliner's caretaker 71-year-old Mickey Jackman who also "rubbed" Titan Hanover (1945).

- A "mile-track trotter" Mainliner's long odds (27-1) were due in part to his previous race, the Volomite Trot on Roosevelt Raceway's half-mile oval. Mainliner made a break before the start and finished last.
- Probably the most memorable performance of the day was that of the filly Scotch Rhythm, who came from 19<sup>th</sup> to finish second in the final heat, beaten only a length by Mainliner.

**MAINLINER**, br c, by Worthy Boy — Sister Mary, by Calumet Adam  
 Driver & Trainer: Guy Crippen  
 Owner: Ralph H. Kroening, Milwaukee, WI  
 Breeder: Castleton Farm, KY  
 Groom: Mickey Jackman  
 Sale History: \$3,300 yearling at Tattersalls Sale; \$25,000 private purchase at two . . . 1 1

**CANDY MAN**, by Guy Abbey—Taffy Volo, by Peter Volo  
 Driver: Harry Fitzpatrick  
 Owner: K. D. Owen . . . 12 3

**YANKEE HANOVER**, by Spencer Scott—Nettie Hanover, by Calumet Chuck  
 Driver: Frank Ervin  
 Owner: Mrs. John Wehle . . . 3 19

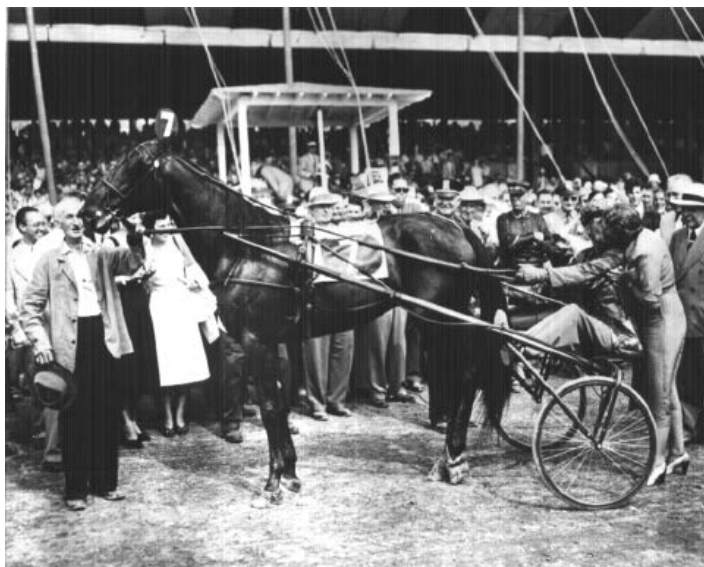
**SPENNIB**, by Nibble Hanover—Ruth Spencer, by Spencer  
 Driver: Fay Fitzpatrick  
 Owner: Hayes Fair Acres Stable . . . 2 10

**BERNIE HANOVER**, by Spencer Scott—Brenda Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: John Simpson  
 Owner: Cleo A. Young . . . 4 13

**SCOTCH RHYTHM**, by Volomite—Scotch Song, by Scotland  
 Driver: Ralph Baldwin  
 Owner: Two Gaits Farm . . . 19 2

Also competed: Sugar Candy 17-4, Great Hanover 8-5, True Boy 5-12, Mighty Fine 7-6, Watcha 6-9, Darnella 10-7, Betsy Volo 21-8, Scotlane 9-15, Mahlon Hanover 11-11, Merritt Hanover 13-18, Overture 14-14, Lou Darnley 15-16, Prince Colby 16-21, Irish Sweetheart 18-17, Kashaplenty 20-20.

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# 1950

**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 9, 1950 • Purse \$73,704.94**

## Lusty Song: Born to Win

Through his breeding, Lusty Song seemed destined to win the Hambletonian.

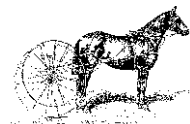
His sire, Volomite, already had a trio of winners as well as the dam of a fourth. Peter Volo, his grandsire, had the same record. On his maternal side, his dam was by Scotland, the leading sire of Hambletonian winners, with four, including then stakes record holder, Hoot Mon. His granddam, Evensong, had produced the 1943 winner, Volo Song.

Lusty Song was chosen by Dr. Hugh M. Parshall for the Hayes Fair Acres Stable of DuQuoin, IL, as a yearling for \$7,600. At two, the colt had established himself as the fastest juvenile trotter in a race with his 2:02<sup>1</sup> victory in the Horse-

man Stake and topped his division in earnings with \$47,799.29.

His nemesis at three was Star's Pride, who beat him at Historic and Saratoga. But he reached the winner's circle in the \$10,000 Volomite at Westbury, and was kept on edge with a 2:02 workout leading up to the Hambletonian, where Delvin Miller took over the driving assignment.

Lusty Song won the first heat by a length over Star's Pride, but the final was extremely tight. Miller moved to the top early with Star's Pride shuffled back. The Worthy Boy colt challenged from the head of the stretch home and inside the sixteenth pole, the pair was stride for stride. Lusty Song rallied to win by a short head.



- Delvin Miller won his first of three Hambletonians with a horse he catch drove. Ironically, it was his only victory as a driver. Lusty Song had been developed by Miller's friend, Doc Parshall, at two and when Parshall was taken ill, the colt was turned over to Foy Funderburk the first part of his three-year-old year.
- Lusty Song started 32 times as a two-year-old for Parshall with 19 victories. It remains a record for the most two-year-old starts and wins ever for a Hambletonian winner. The average 2-year-old season for Hambletonian winners has been 16 starts with eight victories.
- Lusty Song was the leading money winning three-year-old to that point in time with \$77,142; \$40,537 earned in the Hambletonian. In 1985, Prakas set a single season money record for a trotter of \$1,610,608. His winner's share of the Hambletonian purse that year was \$636,000.
- 37-year-old Delvin Miller led the sport with a record \$311,809 in purse monies and a .501 U.D.R.S. In addition to these and the Grand Circuit titles, he was second to John Simpson in the dash championship (111 to 108). He also won the premier events in each two and three-year-old division for both trotters and pacers: Little Brown Jug (Dudley Hanover), the Horseman Stake (Mighty Fine) and the Fox Stake (Solicitor).
- The Hayes family, who in addition to Lusty Song also owned Dudley Hanover and Mighty Fine, would eventually host the Hambletonian in DuQuoin from 1957 to 1980.
- Finishing second (by a short head) and third in the final heat was the entry of Star's Pride (2-2) and Florican (5-3), trained by Harry Pownall and both owned by E. Roland Harriman of Arden Homestead Stable. Star's Pride was co-owned by Lawrence Sheppard.

### **LUSTY SONG**, br c, by Volomite—Scotch Song, by Scotland

Driver: Del Miller

Trainer: Fay Fitzpatrick

Owner: Hayes Fair Acres, DuQuoin, IL

Breeder: Walnut Hall Farm, Donerail, KY

Groom: Pete Huckelbye

Sale History: \$7,500 yearling at Walnut Hall Farm . . . 1 1

### STAR'S PRIDE, by Worthy Boy—Star Drift, by Mr. McElwyn

Driver: John Simpson, Sr.

Owner: E. R. Harriman and L. B. Sheppard . . . 2 2

### LORD STEWARD, by Darnley—Protectarine, by Protector

Driver: Guy Crippen

Owner: Ralph R. Kroening . . . 3 4

### FLORICAN, by Spud Hanover—Florimel, by Spencer

Driver: Harry Pownall

Owner: Arden Homestead Stable . . . 5 3

### STUART HANOVER, by His Excellency—Sophie Hanover, by Sandy Flash

Driver: Joe O'Brien

Owner: Milky Way Stable . . . 4 5

### DARN FLASHY, by Darnley—Angel's Flash, by Sandy Flash

Driver: Al Winger

Owner: Joseph Purcell . . . 6 6

Also competed: Vic Song 7-9, Anthony Hanover 12-7, Mariner Hanover 8-8, King's Ransom 9-10, Banter Hanover 10-11, Mighty Express 11-12, Choice Hanover 13-dr.

#### TIME BY QUARTERS:

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:30 <sup>2</sup>	1:02	1:33	2:02
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**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 10, 1949 • Purse \$68,395.26**

## Miss Tilly: Phellis and Egan Again

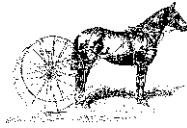
After a sensational two-year-old career, Miss Tilly was a disappointment at three until she reached Goshen for the 24th Hambletonian.

Driven by Fred Egan, well into his 70s at the time, Miss Tilly was bred and owned by Charles W. Phellis of Greenwich, Connecticut, who had previously won the 1947 Hambletonian with Hoot Mon.

The Nibble Hanover filly, who earned nearly \$50,000 as a two-year-old, scored out of the second tier for the first heat. Egan rated Miss Tilly back to fifth

or sixth while her stablemate, Saint Clair, was hustled to the top. The favored Bangaway circled the field and led momentarily near the quarter, but jumped. Just after passing the half, Egan pulled Miss Tilly and she trotted to the lead. Miss Tilly hung on down the stretch as Tom Berry challenged with Volume. The filly's victory was a long neck in a time of 2:03.

The final was a rout as Miss Tilly went to the top at the quarter and pulled away, winning by five in 2:01<sup>2</sup>, then the fastest clocking for a filly.



- One handicapping sheet correctly predicted, "Bangaway may be the choice of millions but DON'T MISS TILLY!" despite the fact that it was her first win of the year – in straight heats – and she never won another.
- The time of the second and final heat of 2:01.2 was the fastest mile ever to date by a filly in the Hambletonian and was second only to Hoot Mon's 2:00 stakes record.
- Tilly Tonka, the dam of Miss Tilly, was also the granddam of Hoot Mon (1947).
- Phellis, considered by many to be one of the foremost experts on Standardbred breeding bred both Hoot Mon and Miss Tilly. From a relatively small band of mares, he also bred the 1958 winner Emily's Pride and, as mentioned above, suggested the pairing that produced Spencer Scott (1940).
- Nibble Hanover, the sire of Miss Tilly, was the only stallion to produce a Hambletonian winner and a Little Brown Jug winner (Knight Dream, 1948).
- Ben White drove in his last Hambletonian at age 76. His horse William Wells finished 7-11.

- For an unprecedented third time, a horse owned by Coldstream Stud of Lexington, KY finished second. 1934, Coldstream (operated by C. B. Shauffer of Chicago and later by Dale Shauffer of Detroit) never won a Hambletonian and holds the distinction as the owner who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> the greatest number of times without winning. The farm is now a part of the University of Kentucky.
- Hall of Fame of the Trotter (later renamed the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame) was founded in Goshen, NY
- May 5<sup>th</sup> marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hambletonian 10's foaling near Sugar Loaf, NY.

### TIME BY QUARTERS:

1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
:30 <sup>2</sup>	1:01	1:32 <sup>3</sup>	2:03
:30	1:01	1:31 <sup>1</sup>	2:01 <sup>2</sup>

**MISS TILLY**, b f, by Nibble Hanover—Tilly Tonka, by Spencer  
 Driver & Trainer: Fred Egan  
 Owner & Breeder: Charles W. Phellis, Greenwich, CT  
 Groom: Frankie Wallace. . . 1 1

**VOLUME**, by Volomite—Ruth's Baby, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Tom Berry  
 Owner: Coldstream Stud . . . 2 3

**ROCCO HANOVER**, by Dean Hanover—Rapture, by Lee Tide  
 Driver: John Simpson Sr.  
 Owner: Charles I Ruderman . . . 8 2

**MARTHA DOYLE**, by Volomite—Annette McElwyn, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Frank Ervin  
 Owner: A. L. Derby . . . 3 5

**ST. CLAIR**, by Spencer Scott  
 Driver: Clint Hodgins  
 Owner: C. W. Phellis . . . 4 7

**ROSAMUND**, by Nibble Hanover—Rosalind, by Scotland  
 Driver: Gib White  
 Owner: Gib White . . . 11 4

Also competed: Boysy Hanover 5-15, Scotch Pal 6-9, Atomic Maid 10-6, William Wells 7-11, Elaine Sterling 9-8, Fibber 17-10, Bangaway 12-14, Delhi Lady 16-12, Juke Box 13-13, Guy Ambassador 14-16, Record Express 15-17, Crossbow, dnf-dr.



**Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 11, 1948 • Purse \$59,091.18**

## Demon Hanover: The Amateur Touch

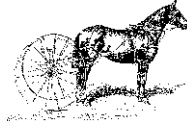
When Demon Hanover swept the two-heat 1948 Hambletonian, "Steamin' Demon" and owner-driver Harrison Hoyt were joined in the winner's circle by Hoyt's wife and two young sons. Hoyt, a Bethel, Connecticut hat manufacturer, had been driving for just three years.

Purchased for \$2,600 at the Harrisburg Sale, Demon Hanover raced in Saratoga Amateur trots at two. In 1948, he won the Historic Dickinson Cup and the Matron before the Hambletonian. It was the only time that a Hambletonian winner was selected, trained, and driven by an amateur.

Demon's sire, Dean Hanover, was the last foal of Dillon Axworthy, sold

for \$410 to H. Stacy Smith, a well-known Newark, New Jersey amateur. Dean trotted a then three-year-old world record of 1:58<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> driven by 11-year-old Alma Sheppard, daughter of Lawrence B. Sheppard of Hanover Shoe Farms.

Demon Hanover dominated not only the three-year-olds, but also the free-for-allers, racing until the end of the 1951 season. He retired with a then trotting record \$187,344.61 to his credit, with wins in the Roosevelt Two Mile Trot, American Trotting Championship, Trotting Derby, aged division of the Hambletonian, Sportsman's Park Trotting Derby (twice), Batavia Downs Invitational and the Michigan Governor's Trophy.



- Haberdasher Harrison Hoyt became the first amateur driver/owner to win the Hambletonian.
- Charles Colburn, star of Green Grass of Wyoming which premiered that year, was on hand to congratulate Hoyt, his wife and their two sons, Harrison Jr. and Billy.

- Demon Hanover inspired a fashion trend of sorts when the Hoyt Hat Company offered Demon Hanover brand hats and ties. The snap-brim felt hat was sold in two weights and three colors (light tan, gray and medium brown) and was worn by many horsemen of the era.
- Demon Hanover would be syndicated for \$500,000, the highest price ever paid for a trotter to date. The price equaled the half million dollars paid for the pacing stallion Adios.

**DEMON HANOVER**, b c, by Dean Hanover—Sorceress, by Volomite  
 Driver & Trainer: Harrison R. Hoyt  
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Hoyt, Bethel, CT  
 Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA  
 Groom: Donald Boerum  
 Sale History: \$2,500 yearling at Standardbred Horse Sale . . . 1 1

ROLLO, by Volomite—Ruth M. Chenault, by Peter Chenault  
 Driver: Tom Berry  
 Owner: Coldstream Stud . . . 2 2

EGAN HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Earl's Princess Martha, by Protector  
 Driver: Ralph Baldwin  
 Owner: Saunders Mills . . . 3 3

Also competed: Mighty Sister 7-6, Cynical Way 10-7, Adeline Hanover 8-8, Mercy Abbey 11-9, Rupert Hanover 9-11.

JEFF HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Lady Laurel, by The Laurel Hall  
 Driver: Frank Safford  
 Owner: Marilou O'Connor . . . 5 4

MADISON HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Madge Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Ben White  
 Owner: W. H. Strang, Jr. . . . 4 10

JUDGE MOORE, by Volstadt—Colleen Ireland, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Del Miller  
 Owner: W. N. Reynolds . . . 6 5

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
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## Hoot Mon

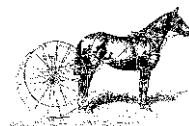
The rugged black colt, Hoot Mon, holder of the 2:00 record for the Hambletonian was twice sold for \$50,000: first by his breeder, Charles W. Phellis, to Castleton Farm, then a year after his Hambletonian victory, for the same amount to Hanover Shoe Farms where he stood at stud.

In the hands of Fred Egan, Hoot Mon made his modest debut at Old Orchard, Maine. An impressive second to heavily-favored Rodney in the Tompkins and wins in the American Stakes at Milwaukee and the DuQuoin Stakes led to his sale to Castleton. The duel with Rodney resumed in Lexington with Hoot Mon prevailing.

At three, Hoot Mon won a \$3,000 stake in California early, then was injured when shipped East. He finished second to Rodney on June 20, and didn't race again until the Hambletonian.

Master horseman Sep Palin brought the colt back from lameness and layoff for the Hambletonian. Rodney took the opener in 2:01<sup>2</sup>, Hoot Mon a fast-closing second. The next mile, Hoot Mon was away a bit slowly, Rodney setting a swift pace. Leaving the half, Hoot Mon moved up and outdrove Rodney in the stretch to win by two lengths in the official time of 2:00. Palin timed his colt in 1:59<sup>9</sup>. The final was clinched by Hoot Mon in 2:02<sup>1</sup> handily. Thereafter, the black colt won the American Stake, the DuQuoin Stake, and the \$36,905 Kentucky Futurity to wind up a career in which he earned \$74,950.

His first crop appeared at the races in 1952 and they proceeded to set marks from the word go. His eleven trotting winners, seven in 2:10, set an all time mark for the first crop by a trotting stallion and their winnings totalled \$132,667.58.



- The second heat was the first 2:00 mile in the Hambletonian; Palin claimed to have timed his colt in 1:59.3.
- The first of three black horses to win.
- Purchased by Castleton Farm (Frances Dodge Johnson & her husband, James B. Johnson) during his 2-year-old year for \$50,000, Hoot Mon was sold again for the same price to Hanover Shoe Farm at the end of his racing career.
- Hurt during a shipping accident, Hoot Mon did not start in the six weeks before the race.
- The Smith starting gate was used to start the field. The Smith gate ran on a track along the inside rail. It was eventually abandoned by the harness industry.
- Victory Song, a heat winner of the previous Hambletonian and second overall, was selected the first Harness Horse of the Year in a poll of 50 sports editors, harness writers and radio commentators. The Trotting Horse Club of America sponsored the poll. Coincidentally, in 1948, Rodney, a heat winner and runner-up in summary of the '47 Hambletonian won the second annual Horse of the Year honor.

**HOOT MON**, bl c, by Scotland—Missey, by Guy Abbey  
 Driver & Trainer: Sep Palin  
 Owner: Castleton Farm, Lexington, KY  
 Breeder: Charles W. Phellis  
 Groom: Charlie Julian  
 Sales History: Sold as a two-year-old for \$50,000 during the Grand Circuit meet at Springfield, IL... 2 1 1

**BUCKSHOT B.**, by Spencer Scott—Eleanor Hanover, by Dillon Axworthy  
 Driver: Frank Safford  
 Owner: M. J. Burke . . . 3 6 4

**SCOTCH THISTLE**, by Scotland—Thistledown, by Guy Abbey  
 Driver: Clint Hodgins  
 Owner: William Erving . . . 13 4 6

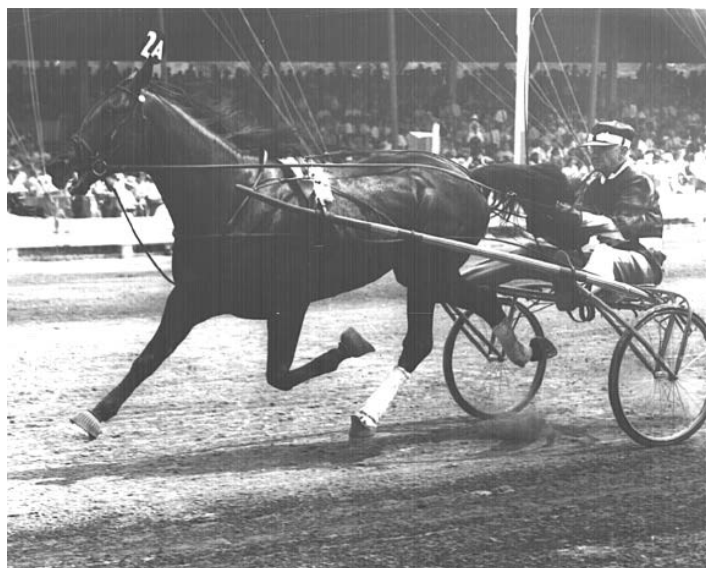
**RODNEY**, by Spencer Scott—Earl's Princess Martha, by Protector  
 Driver: Bi Shively  
 Owner: R. H. Johnston . . . 1 2 2

**VOLOTONE**, by Volomite—Ruth's Baby, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver: Fred Egan  
 Owner: Castleton Farm . . . 4 6 7

**WAY YONDER**, by Volomite—Precise, by Spencer  
 Driver: Bill Fleming  
 Owner: Gainesway Farm . . . 8 3 3

Also competed: Grand Parade 5-7-5, Joe's Pride 7-5-9, Patrick Hanover 6-9-8, Black Key 9-12-12, Tyson Hanover 10-10-11, American Ballad 11-13-10, Deanna Hanover 12-11-dr.

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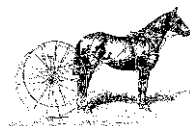
## Chestertown: Luck was With Him

On the eve of the 1946 Hambletonian, William H. Cane sold Chestertown, a \$6,500 yearling, to Walter E. Smith of Los Angeles for \$40,000 after he defeated Victory Song in the National Stake.

Smith turned the Volomite colt over to Tom Berry. In the first heat, Sep Palin scored with Victory Song by two lengths over Chestertown, but in the second heat, Don Scott struck Victory Song's Wheel, causing a break. Chestertown went on to win the heat in 2:02½ over Deanna.

In the final, Victory Song made a gallant try to catch Chestertown, but Berry kept his colt in front by a half-length in 2:03¼.

Chestertown retired in 1950 with \$108,864 in earnings, standing at stud at the Village Farm in Langhorne, Pennsylvania for one season, and then moved to Bonnie Brae Farm in Ohio.



- Harry Whitney, who had trained Chestertown until the day he was sold to Smith, finished fifth driving Westfield Girl. The previous year he was second with Kimberly Hanover (6-2). It was Whitney's best finish in 12 races, including eight years (1939-1946) which, at the time, was a record for consecutive Hambletonian drives. He never won a Hambletonian.
- It was Delvin Miller's first starter in a record 26 Hambletonians (27 horses). His charge, Don Scott, finished fourth overall in the placing.
- Van Riddle, driven by owner Earl Rowe, was the first Canadian-owned horse to start in the Hambletonian.
- As reported in a trade magazine, the Hambletonian received coverage on television for the first time. It was possibly local and not network coverage, although the newsreels of the day recorded the event for the theater audience.
- The first year that the modern Steve Phillips starting gate was used to start the Hambletonian.

**CHESTERTOWN**, b c, by Volomite—Phoebe Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn  
 Driver & Trainer: Tom Berry  
 Owner: Walter E. Smith and Robert Newman  
 Breeder: Henry H. Knight (Almahurst Farm), KY  
 Groom: Howard "Shorty" Knowlton  
 Sale History: \$6,500 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Sale by William H. Cane. Sold for \$40,000 three days before the Hambletonian. It was the second time Cane sold the eventual winner just before the Hambletonian... 2 1 1

**VICTORY SONG**, by Volomite—Evensong, by Nelson Dillon  
 Driver: Sep Palin  
 Owner: Castleton Farm... 1 9 2

**DEANNA**, by Dean Hanover—Rosalind, by Scotland  
 Driver: Ben White  
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. G. White and L. B. Sheppard, Jr. . . . 3 2 3

Also competed: Scotch Fez 6-10-5, Onolee Hanover 8-5-7, Argyle 7-7-10, Van Riddell 9-8-9, Locomotive 11-11-11.

**DON SCOTT**, by Whippet—Libby Scott, by Scotland  
 Driver: Del Miller  
 Owner: W. N. Reynolds . . . 4 3 8

**WESTFIELD GIRL**, by Volomite—Warwell Worthy, by Peter The Brewer  
 Driver: Harry Whitney  
 Owner: E. J. Baker . . . 10 4 4

**WALTER SPENCER**, by Spencer—Jeannine, by Hollywood Haraway  
 Driver: Harry Pownall  
 Owner: Arden Homestead . . . 5 6 6

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
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:30½	1:01¼	1:32½	2:03¼

