



# SEVEN AND SEVEN

Brown, c, 3 by Chapter Seven – Ally Oop by Kadabra

**OWNER:** June & Thomas Durand, Puslinch, ON; Allan J C Smith, Oakville, ON  
**BREEDER:** June Durand, ON  
**SALE INFO:**  
**TRAINER:** Thomas Durand  
**DRIVER:** Mark MacDonald

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	2	0	0	1	\$21,541	Q 1:54.1 Moh
2016	8	4	1	0	\$173,059	1:55.3 Moh
LIFETIME	10	4	1	1	\$194,600	3,Q 1:54.1 Moh

8-1 shot Seven and Seven, driven by Mark MacDonald and trained by Tom Durand, will leave from post 2 in a field of 10 in the Hambletonian's second elimination heat (race 9).

Seven And Seven has not raced since June 17, where he finished third in the \$183,230 Goodtimes Final at Mohawk Racetrack to eventual winner and Hambletonian favorite International Moni.

"He is a pretty resilient horse. He will go with them and right now he is training really good," said Durand, who is participating in his third Hambletonian, having finished second in the 2011 final with Whiskey Tax and eighth with Roughing it in 1990. "In the Goodtimes, he was spooked at the start of the race but driver David Miller said he was really impressed with how he responded and he had a ton of horse left. The qualifier last week at Mohawk was good, but it was a bit disappointing because, I wanted to test the horse out on the front end, and he didn't want anything of it, so we won't be sending him out to the lead on Saturday."

With Miller opting for What The Hill out of post 1 and Brian Sears driving Dover Dan from post 5, Mark MacDonald will drive. MacDonald drove in his first Hambletonian heat last year and finished sixth with Reigning Moni, missing the final by one spot.

"To make the final and possibly win it would be the culmination of something we have worked for for a very long time," said Durand via phone call Wednesday. "He has been training like a monster, especially his last time out on Tuesday, he shifted gears like that and is right on the bit. He is going to give it his all I know that."

Durand's most recent Hambo starter, Whiskey Tax, survived a scrum caused by breakers in his 2011 elimination and squeaked into the final with a fifth place finish. Given an opportunistic drive by Randy Waples, Whiskey Tax (bred by Jeff Gural) closed hard to finish 3 ¼ lengths behind eventual winner Broad Bahn, paying \$26.00 and \$11.60 for place and show.