

Tetrick & Toscano "Share" The Spotlight

In her second try in as many years, Linda Toscano became the first female trainer to harness a Hambletonian champion, winning the 87th renewal of the \$1.5 million trotting classic with Market Share on a steaming hot 90-degree day. The victory was also the first for leading driver Tim Tetrick, who a race earlier saw Hambletonian Oaks favorite Check Me Out break while on the lead.

With 25 entered, the race split into three elims, raced over a track labeled "good" because of earlier rain. Uncle Peter (Ron Pierce) won the first elim which featured multiple lead changes before the colt drew off by a length and quarter to win in 1:53.3. Money On My Mind (Andy Miller) was a fast-closing second and Prestidigitator third.

Knows Nothing, who was unraced last year because of a bone chip, won his elimination over another Takter entrant, Guccio, with My MVP third. Stormin Norman was fourth and procured a Hambo spot by virtue of being the highest money earner of the three fourth-placed finishers. Jeff Gillis trains Knows Nothing for Ontario-based owners Al Libfeld, Marvin Katz, Mac Nichol and Stay. Libfeld and Katz were co-owners of 2010 Hambletonian winner Muscle Massive.

Market Share recorded the fastest elimination, pulling the pocket and trotting by Archangel to win in 2-1/4 lengths. Archangel held for second and Gym Tan Laundry was third.

After a draw by lot, the connections of Hambletonian elimination race winners earned the right to pick their post position. Trainer Jeff Gillis selected first and chose post three for Knows Nothing, followed by driver Tim Tetrick taking post two for Market Share, which Takter had wanted for Uncle Peter. Instead Jimmy Takter chose post No. 1, and Uncle Peter was then installed the 5-2 morning line favorite for the Hambletonian final. Broad Bahn won last year's Hambletonian from post one, as did Muscle Hill in 2009 and Deweycheatumnhowe in 2008. Market Share, of course, won from that fortuitous post choice of two.

Takter was a two-time Hambletonian winner, with Muscle Massive in 2010 and Malabar Man in 1997, and was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame on July 1. He was bidding to become the first trainer to win the Hambletonian in the same year as his induction and was favored at 8-5 when the race went to the gate. .

Ron Pierce and Uncle Peter left strongly from the rail but yielded to 65-1 outsider Gym Tan Laundry on the first turn. Before Pierce had a chance to regain, Archangel and Jim Morrill Jr. were already in the midst of a second move and gained control past the quarter pole reached in a spirited :27 2/5.

Once the dust settled, Pierce sent Uncle Peter sharply for the front with the colt securing the lead well before the :54 3/5 opening half. While the pacesetters were decisive in their movements, Jody Jamieson was sitting in fifth with 7-2 second choice Knows Nothing and waiting for action to develop. Eventually Tim Tetrick elected to pull Market Share off the rail to go on an uncovered jaunt. They quickly engaged Uncle Peter as the tandem clicked off the third quarter in 1:22 3/5.

Once in the homestretch Tetrick gave the son of Revenue his marching orders and Market Share kicked into high gear opening ground on his rival instantly and gaining separation from the other contenders. Knows Nothing couldn't keep up with the leader and Archangel lacked a solid burst. That left it to 21-1 shot My MVP between horses and 11-1 Guccio on the far outside to rally. That pair trotted in tandem on the outside and Tetrick worked his magic to keep his horse trotting through the wire.

The mile of 1:52 1/5 was a fifth faster than Market Share went in his elimination victory. It was the closest finish since Chip Chip Hooray won by the same margin in 2002.

Market Share paid \$10.80 for a \$2 win ticket as the third choice in the field of 10.

Undeclared as a two-year-old in 2011, Market Share won for the fifth time in 11 starts in 2012 and pushed his career bank account to

\$972,505.

Yonkers Trot winner Archangel finished fourth with Knows Nothing earning the final check. Race favorite Uncle Peter went to pacing instead of trotting after being passed by the winner and was placed eighth after finishing seventh for the infraction.

A crowd of 24,521 turned out to watch Toscano make history in the Hambletonian.

This is beyond special; there are no words to describe what this feels like," Toscano said. "You dream of it, but you don't let your brain go there. You just don't think it can happen."

Going into the Hambletonian, Toscano tried to downplay the "first female" tag placed on her and after the win she remained steadfast in her thinking although she understands the significance.

"I have always felt that I've been part of the furniture so long and blended in," said Toscano, also a breast cancer survivor. "I understand I'm carving a little niche in history and that's really neat. If I can inspire another girl that it can be done, it's awesome. That part I'm on board for."

Owner Richard Gutnick, who earlier saw his and trainer Linda Toscano's Chapter Seven set a world mark of 1:50 1/5 in the \$250,000 Nat Ray, was jubilant after the race. "Two months ago he was a 100-1 shot to even be in this race," said Gutnick.

"It's a dream come true," continued the owner, who sold a 25 percent interest in Market Share after his elim win to Tom and Lou Pontone's TLP Stable and Bill Augustine, a former trainer-driver who competed on the East Coast until retiring 20 years ago to concentrate fully on his nationally-branded blueberry company. Augustine's last start on the racetrack came in 1995. His biggest win came in 1992 when John Campbell drove his 4-year-old mare Wannas Fame to a victory in the Comforter II final at the Meadowlands.

"I guess it was insurance," said Gutnick. "I'm happy owning 75 percent." With the purchase agreement done over the telephone, Gutnick didn't even meet his new partners until they got together in the paddock prior to Saturday's race.

Less than 72 hours after making the purchase, the Pontones were back in the Hambo winner's circle a second time, following 2009 winner Muscle Hill. Tom Pontone said while he made the purchase on the eve of the Hambo, he wasn't expecting quick dividends.

"I didn't buy the horse for the Hambletonian," said Pontone of Market Share, who increased his career earnings to \$972,505 with his 10th career victory. "The dream is to win the Hambletonian but I was just hoping that he'd race well and for the rest of the year we'd have a good horse."

Brittany Farms and Melvin Hartman's Personal Style with David Miller in the bike, took advantage of two enormous miscues by the favorites to win the Hambletonian Oaks in 1:53.1.

Going off at 57-1 and paying the second highest mutuel ever in the Oaks of \$116.40 to win (the record is \$122.80 for backers of Working Gal in the 1990 Oaks), Personal Style, trained by R. "Nifty" Norman, saw a clear path when super-favorite Check Me Out made an uncommon break in stride while leading into three-quarters and took second-choice Maven with her.

At the line, Personal Style stuck her nose in front to pull off the second biggest upset in Hambletonian Oaks history. Check Me Out returned to stride and finished third but was the subject of an inquiry with Maven. Judges re-placed Check Me Out to eighth and Maven to seventh, moving Sassy Syrix placed third and Holier Than Thou placed fourth.

"Around the last turn," Tetrick said about Check Me Out's break, "she took a bad step that turned her knee boot around. Maybe she stepped in a hole or something ... It just wasn't our day." The time was a personal best for the filly, who earned her largest purse in her third win from 10 starts this season.

Market Share

MARKET SHARE, bay colt, 3, by Revenue S-Classical Flirt, by Yankee Glide

Driver: Tim Tetrick

Trainer: Linda Toscano

Owners: Richard S. Gutnick, Blue Bell, PA; T L P Stable, Kearny, NJ;

William J. Augustine, Hammonton, NJ

Breeder: Hayley A. Moore, KY

Caretaker: Shelly Grieco

Sale History: Purchased for \$16,000 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, Lexington, KY... X-X-1-1

GUCCIO, bay colt, 3, by Yankee Glide-Southern Seniorita, by Yankee Paco

Driver: Jimmy Takter

Trainer: Jimmy Takter

Owners: Christina Takter, East Windsor, NJ; John D. & Jim H. Fielding, ON; Falkbolagen Ab, Allentown, NJ

Breeder: Tony R. Holmes & Walter W. Zent, KY... X-2-X-2

MY MVP, bay colt, 3, by Cantab Hall-Exceed Expectation, by Kadabra

Driver: Mike Lachance

Trainer: Tony Alagna

Owners: Brittany Farms, Versailles, KY; J Sbrocco, Brecksville, OH;

Modern Family Partners, Versailles, KY

Breeder: Dunrover Stud, KY... X-3-X-3

ARCHANGEL, black colt, 3, by Credit Winner-Michelle's Angel, by Andover Hall

Driver: Jim Morrill Jr.

Trainer: Peter Arrigenna

Owners: Alan C. Hainsworth, Mt. Morris, NY; Clare M. Semer, S Pal Beach, FL; Peter J. Arrigenna, Piffard, NY

Breeder: Diamond Creek Farm LLC, KY... X-X-2-4

KNOWS NOTHING, bay colt, 3, by Kadabra-Savvy Yankee, by Balanced Image

Driver: Jody Jamieson

Trainer: Jeffrey Gillis

Owners: Al J. Libfeld, ON; Marvin Katz, ON; Mac T. Nichol, ON; J Gillis, G Stay, ON

Breeder: Herb A Liverman, FL... X-1-X-5

TIME BY QUARTERS	¼	½	¾	MILE
1ST ELIMINATION	:27.2	:55.3	1:24.4	1:53.3
2ND ELIMINATION	:27.0	:56.2	1:25.3	1:53.1
3RD ELIMINATION	:27.0	:55.4	1:25.0	1:52.2
FINAL	:27.2	:54.3	1:22.3	1:52.1

PAYOFFS															
FIRST ELIMINATION			SECOND ELIMINATION			THIRD ELIMINATION			FINAL						
UNCLE PETER	3.20	2.60	2.60	KNOWS NOTHING	6.00	4.00	2.80	MARKET SHARE	8.20	4.00	3.40	MARKET SHARE	10.80	6.00	5.00
MONEY ON MY MIND	7.80	4.60		GUCCIO	5.80	4.60		ARCHANGEL	3.80	3.20		GUCCIO	9.80	6.80	
PRESTIDIGITATOR		5.80		MY MVP		6.80		GYM TAN LAUNDRY		6.20		MY MVP		9.00	

- Toscano was first introduced to horse racing by her late father, who enjoyed both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. She began working with harness horses and was mentored over the years by Buddy Regan, John Campbell and Buddy Gilmour.
- Toscano has also trained the likes of 1995's Mare Trotter of the Year Giant Mermaid, Breeders Crown champions Molly Can Do It, world champion Jet Laag N, and standouts Kenneth J and Share The Delight, as well as eventual 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven.
- Toscano's triumph with Market Share was just her second chance at winning the Hambo. Last year she finished fourth in the final with Chapter Seven, a colt who was making just his third start of the year after a bout with pneumonia delayed his sophomore season. Last year Toscano knew she faced an uphill battle for Chapter Seven to even make the trotting classic, let alone be considered a contender.
- On the advice of longtime associate Pat Waldo, Gutnick purchased Market Share at the 2010 Lexington Selected Sale for \$16,000 from Kentucky breeder Dr. Hayley Moore. The colt was then sent to Toscano, who laid eyes on the son of Revenue for the first time only when he arrived at her barn. Market Share won all five of his freshman starts, with all five coming in New Jersey-restricted races at Freehold.
- Sire Revenue S picked up his first Hambo credit though his son Whiskey Tax was runnerup in the 2011 Hambletonian. A son of French sire Reve d'Udon, Revenue S won the Nat Ray in 2004 in rein to Luffi Kolgini. He stood at Perretti Farms in NJ but was sold in 2011 to Hanne Lynne, a prominent Norwegian breeder who stands him at Holtan Farm. After his sale he not only had a son win the Hambletonian but also added millionaire Hot Shot Blue Chip and Breeders Crown winner Break The Bank K to his roster.

- The 2012 Hambletonian featured three live broadcasts: French TV Equidia; TVG and CBS Sports Network, as well as the award winning live Meadowlands simulcast show. The day was shared internationally and across North America.
- The Hambletonian winning team continued their success throughout the year and were rewarded at the year-end ballot box.
- Richard Gutnick was voted Norman Woolworth Owner of the Year as his divisional winners Chapter Seven and Market Share finishing an astonishing one-two in the voting for Horse of the Year honors.
- Linda Toscano was voted Glen Garnsey Trainer of the Year for her exceptional work with her trotters, and divisional and Breeders Crown winner Heston Blue Chip.
- At 31, Tim Tetrick had a career year in a career that just seems to top itself annually. He drove a remarkable seven of the 12 Dan Patch divisional champions, including Pacer, Trotter and Horse of the Year, and earned Driver of the Year honors for the third time. He was harness racing's leading money-winner for the sixth consecutive year, with \$18.52 million in purses. It is the second-highest total in history, behind his own total of \$19.73 million in 2008.

