

COOL PAPA BELL

Bay gelding, 3 by Chapter Seven – Blk Thai Optional – Muscle Hill



OWNER: Runthetable Stables [Scott Farber], NJ

BREEDER: Belmar Racing & Breeding [Clair & Vito Cucci], NJ

SALE INFO: \$100,000 Lexington Selected

TRAINER: Jim Campbell

DRIVER: Brian Sears

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	7	3	1	2	\$127,225	1:52.4 F TgDn
2021	9	3	3	1	\$133,774	1:56.2 S VD
LIFETIME	16	6	4	3	\$260,999	3, 1:52.4 F TgDn

- Third in his Hambletonian elimination behind Rebuff and Fast As The Wind. He drew post six in the final and listed at odds of 15-1.
- Campbell on the elim: “I was real happy with the way he raced. He stalled a little bit around the last turn, but then he got going through the stretch and trotted home real good. Now we just have to hope for a good draw, or more importantly, a good trip in the final.”
- Campbell on the year so far: “I’m very happy with him. He just had one little glitch that race at Vernon [making a break in the Zweig Main Event]. He got a little wound up that day. He had the four hole and Scott Zeron told me he kind of locked up a little on the left line, and it was more just the way the gate goes around there than anything else. Other than that, he’s been very good all year.”
- After breaking in the Zweig Final at Vernon Downs on July 9th he rebounded with a NYSS win at Yonkers Raceway on July 19.
- Started his sophomore campaign with two wins, including a NYSS leg at Tioga Downs where he set his lifetime mark of 1:52.4. He followed up these two wins with a second place finish in another NYSS leg and a third place finish in the Empire Breeders Classic at Vernon Downs on June 17.
- Campbell on changes from 2 to 3: “He’s just been able to carry his speed a little further this year. He was a nice honest horse last year, and he’s just a real nice horse to be around. I’d take a barnful of him.”

- Finished out his freshman year with third place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination behind Hambletonian favorite Rebuff. He finished seventh in the final.
- Won three preliminary rounds of the 2 year old New York Sire Stakes series, finished second in a fourth leg and second in the \$200,000 NYSS Final at Yonkers Raceway.
- Sire Chapter Seven, winner of over \$1.9 million, has sired winners in excess of \$44 million. His top offspring include Gimpanzee [\$2.7 million], Atlanta [\$3.2 million], Hypnotic AM [\$1.4 million] and Joviality S [\$1.2 million].
- Runthetable Stables' Scott Farber had 2021 Hambletonian contender Take All Comers, who finished fifth.
- Runthetable Stables topped \$1 million in earnings for the first time in 2020 and was nominated for Breeder of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association thanks to the success of homebreds Next Level Stuff (Breeders Crown winner), Hobbs (New York Sire Stakes champ), and Take All Comers (Grand Circuit winner).
- Farber re-named the gelding "Cool Papa Bell" after baseball Hall of Famer James Thomas Bell, who is considered one of the fastest players in baseball history. He was a Negro League starter from 1922-46.
- "I'm a big baseball guy, and I take a lot of pride in my knowledge of the game and the history and the players," Farber said. "Cool Papa Bell was known for his speed. I was hoping the horse would live up to the great baseball player's name, and so far, he's done just that."
- Jim Campbell won the 1995 Hambletonian with Tagliabue, driven by his brother John, and the 2009 Hambletonian Oaks with Broadway Schooner, driven by Brian Sears.
- Broadway Schooner and Tagliabue were Dan Patch Award winners for Campbell.
- Campbell won the 2019 Hambletonian Maturity for 4-year-old trotters with Crystal Fashion, who finished fourth in the 2018 Hambletonian.
- Campbell's Fashion Schooner is the NJSS 3 year old champion and a favorite to win the 2022 Hambletonian Oaks.
- In 2021, Campbell's stable surpassed \$1.2 million in purses. He has won more than 1,300 races lifetime and \$50.5 million in purses.
- Campbell followed his father, Jack, and grandfather, Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Famer Dunc Campbell, into harness racing.
- Campbell's brother John has won the Hambletonian a record six times as a driver, and is currently President/CEO of the Hambletonian Society.

FAST AS THE WIND

Bay colt, 3 by Cantab Hall – Wind Stroll – Muscle Mass



OWNER: Leblanc & Kribbs, NY; Joe Sbrocco, OH; John Schumcker, IN; Fodera, Barbera, Frank, NY
BREEDER: Tony Holmes & Walter Zent, KY
SALE INFO: \$95,000 Lexington Selected
TRAINER: Tony Alagna
DRIVER: Yannick Gingras

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	8	2	3	1	\$155,642	1:52.2 Wbsb
2021	15	5	1	3	\$566,007	1:53.2 M
LIFETIME	23	7	4	4	\$721,649	3, 1:52.2 Wbsb

- Fast As The Wind finished second in his elimination behind Rebuff. He drew post three in the final and is listed at odds of 8-1.
- Alagna on the elim: “He was much better. We’ve been fighting some bloodwork issues with him, which we went through last year with him a little bit, but [Saturday] he was much better. He needed the race in the Dancer so I could give him the past week off and it seemed to work. He was very good. I think he’s definitely on the improve.”
- Alagna on season overall: “He started the year phenomenal but then we hit a little road bump coming back from Canada where his bloodwork was off. He didn’t fire at all in the Zweig, so we’ve been working on it.”
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination off a sixth place finish in the Zweig Memorial and a fifth place finish in his Stanley Dancer division at the Meadowlands on July 16.
- Finished second in his Reynolds division behind Hambletonian favorite Rebuff on July 1 at the Meadowlands.
- After his Goodtimes triumph driver Dexter Dunn was asked about Fast As The Wind’s Hambo prospects, “It looks like quite an even bunch of trotters here. Like I said, he hasn’t done anything wrong and he’s heading in the right direction. He is versatile and he has a good last quarter in him.”
- Won his Goodtimes elimination and captured the final in a personal best of 1:52.2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park on June 18.

- Began his sophomore campaign against older horses at the Meadowlands. He finished third in a non-winners event behind Rattle My Cage and Delayed Hanover and finished second behind JL Cruze on June 3 at the Meadowlands.
- “He was good early, but then he got some sickness like a lot of our horses in Lexington,” Tony Alagna said after his win in the Valley Victory at the Meadowlands to close out his two-year-old. “We left Lexington [and] he just started to come out of the sickness. Since he’s been back here at The Meadowlands, he’s been phenomenal. But early in the year, he was third in the Peter Haughton, and we thought we had a real player until the sickness hit him in Lexington.”
- Trainer Alagna on changes from 2 to 3: “He’s grown up so much. He’s really filled out. He’s a gorgeous animal. You can’t not appreciate what he looks like, that’s for sure.”
- He captured the \$300,960 Kindergarten Final in 1:55 and the \$413,600 Valley Victory in 1:53.2 to close out his freshman campaign.
- Fast As The Wind got sick in Lexington and failed to post a win at The Red Mile. He returned to the Meadowlands, finished third in his Breeders Crown elimination and a close second from post ten in the final at 80-1 behind Rebuff.
- Won his first two starts as a freshman at the Meadowlands and finished a strong third in the Peter Haughton on Hambletonian Day 2021 after being parked out wide for half the race.
- Yannick Gingras, who was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y., on July 3, holds the record for most driving wins in the Hambletonian Oaks with six.
- He won the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella for trainer Nancy Takter. His previous five victories came for Takter’s father, Jimmy, in consecutive years, 2014 through 2018.
- Gingras has finished second in the Hambletonian on three occasions. He was runner-up with Ready For Moni in 2020, Southwind Frank in 2016, and filly Mission Brief in 2015.
- In 2021, Gingras finished fourth in the Hambletonian final with Delayed Hanover.
- Gingras’ biggest win so far this year came July 16 when he won the Meadowlands Pace with Beach Glass.
- A third-generation horseman from Quebec, Gingras arrived in the U.S. in 2001 and established himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway. In 2003, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association and in 2004 he moved his base to the Meadowlands. He has won multiple Big M driving titles, most recently in 2020.
- Gingras, who has won more than 8,200 races lifetime, ranks fifth in career driving purses with \$208 million. He led the sport in earnings four consecutive years, 2014-2017.
- He has sat behind three Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year winners: Tall Dark Stranger in 2020, Hannelore Hanover in 2017, and JK She’salady in 2014.

- Among his many other accomplishments, Gingras is known for his association with pacer Foiled Again, who retired in 2018 as the richest horse in harness racing history with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings.
- Tony Alagna, 50, won the Hambletonian in 2020 with filly trotting sensation Ramona Hill. She retired with over \$1.3 million in earnings.
- In 2021, Alagna enjoyed a career best season overall with \$7.97 million and 212 wins. He won the Valley Victory and a Kindergarten Classic Final with Fast As The Wind.
- A native of Illinois, Alagna followed his mom, Donna Lee, into the sport. He had a pony at the age of three, was reading up on pedigrees at nine, and was solely responsible for his first horse at 10. Soon after graduating from high school, Alagna was assisting his mom with her stable.
- Alagna later worked for trainer Brian Pinsky and, after getting a degree from Florida's Seminole College, as private trainer for Fox Valley Standardbreds in Illinois. He next spent six years as the top assistant to trainer Erv Miller before starting his own stable in 2009.
- Alagna trained Captaintreacherous to Pacer of the Year awards in 2012 and 2013. "The Captain" became the first pacer to win that honor in consecutive years since Jenna's Beach Boy in 1995-96, and joined Niatross as the only horses to accomplish the feat at ages 2 and 3 since the award was first given in 1970.
- Sire Cantab Hall, 2004 Hambletonian runner up, finished his career with over \$1.4 million in earnings. He sired 2015 Hambletonian Oaks winners Wild Honey (2015) and Lifetime Pursuit (2014). His other notable offspring include Father Patrick [\$2.5 million], Crystal Fashion [\$2.1 million] and Explosive Matter [\$1.5 million), who was second to Muscle Hill in 2009.

JIGGY JOG S

Brown filly, 3 by Walner – Hot Mess Hanover – Cantab Hall



OWNER: Jorgen Sparredal Inc, FL

BREEDER: Vestmarka Ab, Sweden

SALE INFO: Homebred

TRAINER: Ake Svanstedt

DRIVER: Dexter Dunn

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	6	4	2	0	\$257,082	1:52.2 M
2021	11	2	4	2	\$203,474	1:52.2 Lex
LIFETIME	17	6	6	2	\$460,556	3, 1:52.2 M

- Listed at odds of 4-1 and leaves from post five.
- Ake Svanstedt on the elim: “She raced good. Dexter [Dunn] said she won with a little power left also. He didn’t need to ask her nothing. She just did it herself. That was good. This was her most impressive race.”
- Jiggy Jog S unleashed a tremendous stretch rally and won her Hambletonian elimination in 1:52.2, tying her lifetime mark. She and Joviality S are looking to become the 16th filly to win the Hambletonian and third in the last five years.
- Driver Dexter Dunn on the elim: “She’s such a handy filly; she was great off the gate and then she settles in a hole beautifully. The pace really was slow coming around the last turn and she was loaded with trot, but we had a lot of horses around us. We got a gap and she really exploded with a fast sprint there at the finish. I knew she had speed. I’ve driven her a few times, and this was definitely the best she felt. She was extremely sharp post parading and in the race. Those were very good horses she was going past at the end. I was a little surprised, but she’s a lovely filly.”
- Dunn on getting the drive with her: “Ake and Sarah [Svanstedt] have been putting me on some nice horses, and we’ve gotten some nice results. They’re great trainers, great horsemen, and it’s always a pleasure to sit behind their horses, for sure.”
- Svanstedt on decision to enter the Hambletonian: “The owner [Jorgen Sparredal] wanted to go in the Hambletonian. He said he would never have a chance to have a horse in the Hambletonian anymore because he’s in Sweden and he’s just buying fillies in the sales. He has bought some fillies every year because he wants to have them as broodmares. He

doesn't buy colts. So, he made the decision. And I'm happy for that now. [Laughs]. Now we are in the Hambletonian again. I'm happy with that. It would be nice [to win again]."

- Came into the Hambletonian elimination off a win in the Zweig Memorial for fillies in 1:53.3 at Vernon Downs on July 9th.
- Jiggy Jog S won the \$126,000 New York New York Mile in 1:54 at Yonkers on July 1.
- Began her three-year-old campaign in the New Jersey Sire Stakes. She finished second in the first leg, first in the second leg in 1:52.2 and second in the final at the Meadowlands.
- As a two year old, she had two third places finishes in both her Breeders Crown elimination and Final at the Meadowlands.
- After an eighth place finish in the Jim Doherty Memorial, she recorded two wins, including a 1:52.2 romp in a Bluegrass Stakes division at The Red Mile and a second place finish in the International Stallion Stakes division.
- Jiggy Jog S began her career in the New Jersey Sire Stakes. She recorded a fourth place finish, then two second places finishes including the NJSS Final behind Hambletonian Oaks contender Venerable.
- Dexter Dunn, 32, is driving in his fourth Hambletonian Final. He finished fourth with Soul Strong in 2019 and Amigo Volo in 2020. Both horses started from post 10. In 2021, he finished ninth with Really Fast, who made a break.
- On Meadowlands Pace Night, Dunn guided Bulldog Hanover to a world record 1:45.4 in the William Haughton Memorial, the fastest mile in harness racing history.
- Overall, Dunn won 424 races and a career best \$12,916,775 in 2021. Dunn drove Dan Patch Award winners Niki Hill, Bella Bellini and Manchego. He went on to be awarded Driver of the year in 2021. He also won the award in 2020 and 2019.
- Bella Bellini gave Dunn his first Hambletonian Oaks in 2021.
- A native of New Zealand, Dunn moved to the U.S. in the summer of 2018. Since arriving in the States, he has won more than 1,200 races and earned \$29 million in purses. He led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. During that span, Dunn won at least 200 races on six occasions and twice finished with 199. He was the first New Zealand driver to win at least 200 races in a season.
- Dunn, representing New Zealand, won the 2015 World Driving Championship.
- Trainer Ake Svanstedt, 63, has won the Hambletonian twice. He won in 2021 with Captain Corey and again in 2017 with Perfect Spirit. Perfect Spirit was second-placed-first in the final after What The Hill was disqualified for interference in the stretch. It was the first disqualification of a winner in Hambletonian history. Svanstedt trained and drove Perfect Spirit.

- Previous stars for Svanstedt included Dan Patch Award winners Sebastian K and world champion Six Pack.
- Svanstedt is in his ninth season of racing in North America after moving to the U.S. from Sweden. He was Sweden's Trainer of the Year five times and Driver of the Year on three occasions.
- In 2017, Svanstedt was inducted in Sweden's Hall of Fame.
- During his career overseas, Svanstedt won the Elitlopp twice, with Torvald Palema in 2009 and Gidde Palema in 2004, the Copenhagen Cup three times and both the Oslo Grand Prix and Olympic Trot four times.
- Svanstedt won 6,306 races as a driver in Sweden and 5,384 as a trainer. He looks to join Per Eriksson and Jimmy Takter as Swedes with at least three Hambletonians.
- Since arriving in the U.S., Svanstedt has trained more than 841 winners and earned over \$37 million in purses. As a driver, he has totaled more than 513 wins and \$24 million in purses.
- Jiggy Jog S is from the first crop of Walner, a standout trotter sidelined in his three-year-old year due to injury. His other notable offspring include Hambletonian Oaks contenders Venerable [\$1.1 million], Fashion Schooner and fellow Hambletonian contenders King Of The North and the filly Jiggy Jog S. Walner could join Muscle Hill and seven other sires in the last 50 years who have won the Hambletonian from their first crop.

JOVIALITY S

Bay filly, 3 by Chapter Seven – Pasithea Face S – Muscle Hill



OWNER: Courant Inc [Anders Strom], FL

BREEDER: Am Bloodstock, FL

SALE INFO: Homebred

TRAINER: Marcus Melander

DRIVER: Brian Sears

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	7	6	0	1	\$371,477	1:50.2 M
2021	12	9	2	0	\$895,341	1:52.1 M
LIFETIME	19	15	2	1	\$1,266,818	3, 1:50.2 M

- Joviality S was six-for-six in 2022 going into her Hambletonian elimination, and finished a close third from post ten. Drew post two in the final and is the second choice at odds of 7-2.
- Melander on the elim: "I thought she raced great. From the 10-hole, it was a tough first half, :55.2, and the track was a little deep. It was a fast first half, even if the third quarter was a little slower. She got outsprinted. They came home in :27 flat, and Jiggy Jog was just a little faster. I would have loved to see [Joviality S] on a helmet, but it's not possible because she gets those bad posts. Hopefully, we can have a little luck in the draw Tuesday."
"She felt great and she looked great. Brian [Sears] said he was super happy with her. We just need a little bit of luck. It's the Hambo, right? You're not going to go out there from the 10-hole and win by five. It's tough. But if Brian is happy with her, then I'm happy with her."
- "She is the best mare we have ever trained and we want to try against the stallions," Melander told *Trav365* after the decision to enter her in the Hambletonian. "It can certainly be easier to go out against mares but there are also some good ones, so it is not certain that Joviality would just win the Oaks."
- Won her Del Miller Memorial division in a new lifetime mark of 1:50.2 at the Meadowlands on July 16th.
- "She's just so handy out on the track and lets me do anything that I want. It makes my job so much easier. She has so much talent, gets over the ground so easy, and just has a great gait to her," said winning driver Brian Sears after her Yonkers Trot win. "I let her roll along a little bit tonight. She felt really good getting over the track. I called on her a little bit down the lane, and she picked it up like she usually does."

- Won both her elimination (1:54) and the \$280,000 Final of the Yonkers Trot in wire to wire fashion in 1:53.1.
- Began her sophomore year with two wins in the NY Sire Stakes in 1:53.2 at Yonkers Raceway and 1:51.2 at Vernon Downs, then scored a 1:51 win in the \$187,500 Empire Breeders Classic for fillies at Vernon Downs on June 16th.
- As a two-year-old, she finished second in her Breeders Crown elimination and won the final on a sloppy, rain soaked track in 1:54.4 from post ten. She finished out the year with a victory in the \$479,450 Goldsmith Maid in her year's best of 1:52.1.
- Joviality S also won the \$200,000 Kentuckiana in 1:54.1 at Hoosier Park and a division of the International Stallion Stakes in 1:53 at the Red Mile.
- She captured three legs of New York Sire Stakes and the final at Yonkers Raceway in 1:55.4.
- Failed to hit the board only once as a two year old and banked \$895,341 in an outstanding campaign.
- Brian Sears leads all active drivers in Hambletonian wins with three. John Campbell holds the record with six. No other driver has won the race more than four times.
- In 2009, Sears became the first driver to win the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks in the same year. He won the Hambletonian with Muscle Hill for trainer Greg Peck and the Oaks with Broadway Schooner for trainer Jim Campbell. Sears doubled again in 2013, capturing the Hambletonian with Royalty For Life for trainer George Ducharme and the Oaks with Bee A Magician for trainer Richard "Nifty" Norman. His third Hambletonian triumph came with Pinkman for trainer Jimmy Takter in 2015.
- Sears ranks No. 5 in career driving purses with \$203 million. He led the sport in earnings in 2005 with a then-record \$15 million. He ranks 18th in lifetime driving wins with more than 10,200. He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2017
- The 55-year-old from Secaucus, NJ has won over 10,000 races and stands fifth all time in earnings with \$207 million. Sears was named 2010's New Jersey Sportswriters Association's Horseman of the Year. In 2009, he was voted Driver of the Year. He has also driven two other Horses of the Year, Muscle Hill in 2008 and Bee A Magician in 2013.
- Sears is the only driver to win the Hambletonian and Oaks on the same day twice. Sears set a one-day record for earnings on Hambletonian Day 2009 with \$1,555,674.
- In 2021, Marcus Melander finished sixth with Sonofamistry. Melander's top finisher in the 2020 final was Hollywood Story, who was fifth. In 2019, Greenshoe finished second, Gimpanzee was third, and Green Manalishi S was fifth. Greenshoe and Green Manalishi S were elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017. He saw Enterprise win his elimination and finish fourth-placed-third in the final. In 2018, Melander-trained Evaluate finished fifth in the final. Melander had three finalists in both 2019 and 2020, and takes three shots again in 2022.

- Melander, 30, had his best Hambletonian Oaks finish in 2020 with Hypnotic AM, who was second.
- Marcus Melander was voted the 2019 Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Age 27 at the time, he was the youngest trainer to ever receive the honor. The recognition came one year after he was named the Rising Star Award winner by the same organization.
- Melander is closing in on 400 training wins and has earned nearly \$20 million.
- He also has Hambletonian starters Temporal Hanover and Periculum.
- Broodmare Pasithea Face S raced in a number of North America's top trotting events in 2017, winning the Steele Memorial on Hambletonian Day at The Meadowlands, finishing third in the Maple Leaf Trot and emerging victorious against open company in the Dayton Trotting Derby.
- Sire Chapter Seven sired 2018 winner Atlanta who has earned over \$3.2 million in her career. He earned \$1.9 million in his career and his offspring dominate the New York Sire Stakes. His other top performers include \$2.7 million dollar winner Gimpanzee and \$1.4 million dollar earner Hypnotic AM. Chapter Seven finished fourth in the 2011 Hambletonian. He was 2012 Horse of the Year and inducted in the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.
- Anders Strom finished second (with heavy favorite Greenshoe), third (Gimpanzee) and fifth (Green Manalishi S) in the 2019 Hambletonian. He was also fifth with Hollywood Story in 2020.

KEG STAND

Bay colt, 3 by Bar Hopping – Palm Beach Bi – Angus Hall



OWNER: Black Horse Racing [Barry Guariglia], NJ; Christina Takter, NJ; John Fielding, ON
BREEDER: M. Biasuzzi Stable, FL
SALE INFO: \$30,000 Standardbred Horse Sale
TRAINER: Nancy Takter
DRIVER: David Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	3	2	0	0	\$70,952	1:53.0 Mea
2021	11	3	2	2	\$144,766	1:53.3 Lex
LIFETIME	14	5	2	2	\$215,718	3, 1:53.0 Mea

- Fifth in his Hambletonian elimination. He drew post 4 in the final and listed at odds of 10-1.
- Nancy Takter on the elim: “I was super happy with him. That was only his third start of the year, so he definitely needed that start. He hasn’t raced in this type of competition before, so it was nice to see that he seemed to belong. He was full of trot finishing. David [Miller] was very happy with him. It’s tough when you only have two races under your belt and it was his first start on a mile track this year, so he really hasn’t been stretched out yet. It was definitely a step forward.”
- Keg Stand only had two starts in 2022 going into his Hambletonian elimination. Both were wins in the PA Sire stakes. He took a lifetime mark of 1:53 on July 15 at The Meadows.
- Takter on his potential: “He was a nice colt last year. He always raced well; he was very consistent. He didn’t finish his year very well; he had a little chip in a hind ankle that we took out between his 2- and 3-year-old season. He trained super all winter and qualified really well. I scoped him just to see how he was, and he had an [epiglottal] entrapment. So, we had to do entrapment surgery and it was a little complicated and took extra time. I didn’t think he was going to make the Hambletonian, but he earned his way there. He was racing well, and was so good at The Meadows, we thought we would give him a shot.”
- Ended his freshman campaign with a seventh place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination.
- Finished second in his Bluegrass division at The Red Mile and made a break in the International Stallion Stakes.

- Captured a leg of the Kentucky Champion Series in Lexington in 1:56.1, and finished third in leg three. He finished fifth in the series final after scratching sick from the PASS Final.
- Began his career two-for-three. Earned a third place finish in his first start in the Tompkins-Geers at the Meadowlands and then racked up two wins in Pennsylvania Sire Stakes events.
- In 2013, Takter started her own training stable. In 2014, she guided two-year-old female pacer JK She'salady to Horse of the Year honors. JK She'salady is the only two-year-old filly pacer to be named Horse of the Year. Takter received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2014.
- She has trained two Horse of the Year Award winners. JK She'salady, who earned the honor in both the U.S. and Canada in 2014, and Tall Dark Stranger in 2020.
- Takter was 1 when she moved with her family from Sweden to the U.S. Her father is Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, a four-time winner of the Hambletonian and record eight-time winner of the Hambletonian Oaks.
- Nancy Takter continued something of a family tradition by winning the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella. Yannick Gingras drove Jimmy Takter's final five Oaks champs, which came consecutively from 2014 to 2018, and also drove Sorella. In addition to winning with Sorella, Takter finished third in the Oaks final with Panem. Later in the day, Takter-trained Ready For Moni was second in the Hambletonian final. She sent out three Hambo finalists in 2021 and finished second with 55-1 longshot Spy Booth.
- Looks Like Moni is her other 2022 Hambletonian starter. She also has Selfie Queen in the Hambletonian Oaks final.
- Takter was the caretaker of 2010 Hambletonian winner Muscle Massive, trained by her father. She made her Hambletonian final debut as a trainer in 2014 with Resolve, who finished fifth.
- Osvaldo Formia was the only other caretaker of a Hambletonian winner to also win the Hambletonian as a trainer. Osvaldo Formia, who trained Hambletonian harness racing winners Harmonious and Probe, died Saturday (April 9) in Florida. He was three days from turning 84. In addition to his victories in 1990 with Harmonious and in 1989 with Probe, who finished in a dead heat for win with Park Avenue Joe, Mr. Formia was the caretaker for two Hambletonian champions: Speedy Somolli in 1978 and Trotting Triple Crown winner Lindy's Pride in 1969.
- Takter won 101 races in 2021, earning over \$4.8 million in purses. For her career, she has earned nearly \$27 million in purses and closing in on 545 lifetime wins.
- David Miller won the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style, trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman.
- Miller is seeking his first Hambletonian trophy, but has never driven a horse in the final at odds lower than 7-1. He had third-place finishes with Gimpanzee in 2019, Uncle Lasse in 2015, and Corky in 2013. In 2017, he drove What The Hill, who crossed the finish line first,

but was disqualified for interference in the stretch. In 2021, he drove Take All Comers to a fifth place finish.

- The Dave Miller Hall of Fame career was in full flight in 2021. The Buckeye drove three Dan Patch Award winners, Test Of Faith, Perfect Sting and Venerable. Test Of Faith ranked third on the sport's earnings list with \$1,069,739. That sophomore filly pacer was voted Horse of the Year. She won a Breeders Crown, Empire Breeders Classic, Glen Garnsey and New York Sires Stakes Final. Perfect Sting was the sport's leading money winner with \$1,273,847. That sophomore son of Always B Miki won his second straight Breeders Crown. Venerable was fourth in earnings with \$1,039,966. That two-year-old daughter of Walner won the Mohawk Million, Jim Doherty Memorial, Peaceful Way and New Jersey Sires Stakes Final. Miller also guided When Dovescry to victory in the TVG Mares Trot Final, equaling the stakes record of 1:51.4.
- A 2014 inductee into the Hall of Fame, Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses with \$264 million and has finished among the top five in earnings 21 of the past 22 years. John Campbell, now president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society, holds the sport's record for purses with \$300 million. Miller is No. 4 all-time in wins with more than 13,750.
- In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors. In 2016, he was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced a world record 1:46 at The Red Mile.
- In 2015, Miller set a record with five Breeders Crown wins in a single year.
- Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.
- Co-owner Black Horse Racing, Barry Guariglia, was the owner of stand-out trotting mare Manchego. She earned over \$3.1 million before retiring in 2021. Manchego won the Hambletonian Oaks in 2018, and she is tied with Atlanta as co-fastest trotting females in history at 1:49.
- Co-owners Christina Takter and John Fielding previously won the Hambletonian in 2015 with Pinkman. Christina Takter was also a co-owner of 2014 winner Trixton.
- Sire Bar Hopping earned over \$1.2 million in his career. His offspring Bella Bellini won the 2021 Hambletonian Oaks and has earnings topping \$1.5 million. His other top performers include In Range (\$790,000) and Johan Palema (\$605,000). Bar Hopping finished fifth as the heavy favorite in the 2016 Hambletonian when he was trained by Jimmy Takter.

KING OF THE NORTH

Bay colt, 3 by Walner – Check Me Out – Donato Hanover



OWNER: Schnittker Ward, NY; Arden Homestead Stable [Elbridge & Peter Gerry], NY; Nolamaura Racing [Patrick English, Kerry English, Robert Eustace & Frank Cavalari], NY; Steve Arnold, NY
BREEDER: Steve Jones & Ray Schnittker, NY
SALE INFO: \$190,000 Lexington Selected
TRAINER: Ray Schnittker
DRIVER: Mark MacDonald

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	5	0	2	0	\$52,564	N/A
2021	10	6	1	1	\$578,915	1:52.4 M
LIFETIME	15	6	3	1	\$631,479	2, 1:52.4 M

- Fourth in his Hambletonian elimination. Drew post eight in the final and listed at odds of 15-1.
- "I thought maybe he should have had a little more pop, but then I watched the replay, and he kind of got jammed up and had to go a little sideways across the track," said trainer Ray Schnittker. "I was happy with him. He scoped clean (after the race) with no Lasix, so that was a good positive. We'll probably change his shoeing a little bit next week and go from there. The track was probably a little deeper than it's going to be on Hambo Day. I seems like he's very sound, he's really got a good mouth on him and he tries. Mentally, he's a very good horse."
- Has hit the board in two of his five starts as a three year old. Was second by a neck in the Zweig Consolation at Vernon Downs on July 9th. Was passed in the stretch and beaten by a length by Slay in his Stanley Dancer Memorial division at the Meadowlands on July 16th
- "He got a little sick and just wasn't himself after The Red Mile (last Fall)," said driver Mark MacDonald. "Ray [trainer Ray Schnittker] did the right thing with him and shut him down."
- Finished his two-year-old campaign with a third place finish in the International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile and a fifth place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination.
- "He was really sharp the night of the Mohawk Million," said MacDonald of King Of The North. "He got taken out at the start and raced great to finish fifth. Not to take anything away from the winner, but I really think he could have won that race if not for what happened to him at the start."

- King Of the North was parked out for most of the mile in the Mohawk Million and passed rivals late to grind out a fifth place finish.
- Finished second in his William Wellwood Memorial elimination. He rallied to win the \$505,600 Final in 1:54.2 as the heavy favorite at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- Caught behind stalled cover early, King Of the North rallied in the stretch to capture the \$293,450 Peter Haughton Memorial for two-year-old male trotters in 1:53.4 on the 2021 Hambletonian Day undercard at The Meadowlands.
- “He’s a really nice horse,” said Schnittker after his Peter Haughton elimination last year. “He’s like a five-year-old.”
- Began his career sweeping the New Jersey Sire Stakes including the Final at the Meadowlands in 1:52.4, his lifetime mark.
- Mark MacDonald, 44, is from Prince Edward Island, Canada. He won the 2021 Meadowlands Pace with Lawless Shadow through a disqualification. Last year he earned over \$3.9 million and 141 driving victories. This is Mark MacDonald’s debut in a Hambletonian Final.
- Mark MacDonald has been through it all in his driving career, the good, the bad and the ugly. But he's also endured, undaunted by the past and optimistic about the future. The reinsman has experienced numerous high-profile moments in the sulky. He produced a career year in 2006 when he notched what was then a single-season Canadian record of 739 wins. He also captured the \$1.5 million Pepsi North America Cup four years later with Sportswriter in 2010. The triumph came on the same night he won the Fan Hanover with Western Silk, both for trainer Casie Coleman. He captured the 2006 Little Brown Jug with Mr Feelgood for trainer Jimmy Takter, set a world record of 1:47.4 with American Ideal in 2005 and won Breeders Crowns with Moving Pictures and Betterthancheddar for Coleman.
- MacDonald has over \$99 million in career earnings and over 6,500 driving victories. His brother Anthony runs the Stable.ca, a successful fractional horse ownership stable, and his younger brother James is a top driver at Woodbine Mohawk Park, who won the 2021 O'Brien Award as Canada’s top driver. Brother Curtis produces COSA TV.
- Ray Schnittker, 64, is from Buffalo, NY, and has over \$43 million in career earnings and is closing in on 2,900 wins. Since his career began in 1977, he has won more than 2,700 races as a driver, has dominated the New York Sires Stakes circuit and enjoyed success at the sport’s top level.
- Schnittker campaigned King Of The North’s dam, two-time Dan Patch Award winner Check Me Out. She was the favorite going into the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks but broke and finished eighth in the final.
- Schnittker captured the 2008 Hambletonian with Trotter of the Year Deweycheatumhowe, and another trainee Make It Happen finished third from post ten at over 46-1.

- Schnittker worked alongside his father, Warren, as they campaigned a strong stable of claiming horses on the New York circuit in the 1980s. Schnittker's breakthrough at the Meadowlands came with Covert Action, who won the 1991 Presidential [paying a stakes record \$118]. Covert Action earned \$1,193,594 while racing from 1987 through 1995, winning 49 of his 251 starts. The pacer's success gave Schnittker the financial freedom to buy better quality horses.
- Schnittker shares a home in Middletown, NY with his wife, equine veterinarian Dr. Janet Durso. He credits Janet with playing a vital role in the stable's success, lending her expertise to both the daily care of the horses and in selecting yearlings to buy.
- King Of The North is from the first crop of Walner, a standout trotter sidelined in his three-year-old year due to injury. His other notable offspring include Hambletonian Oaks contenders Venerable [\$1.1 million], Fashion Schooner and fellow Hambletonian contenders Temporal Hanover and the filly Jiggy Jog S.
- Co-breeder Steve Jones also bred 2008 Hambletonian winner Deweycheatumnhowe.
- Co-owner Wesley Ward is a retired jockey and current Thoroughbred trainer. He won the 1984 Eclipse Award for Outstanding Apprentice jockey and won riding championships at Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Meadowlands Racetrack. As a trainer he has won stakes races at the Royal Ascot meeting.
- Arden Homestead Stable campaigned such stellar performers as Florlis, Matastar, Tassel Hanover, Sharpshooter, Florican and Hambletonian winners Flirth and Titan Hanover. Arden Homestead started a two-horse entry in the 1926 Hambletonian and holds the record for the most starters in the classic event, with 40.
- Arden Homestead was a co-owner on 2008 winner Deweycheatumnhowe, giving them a 35-year span between Flirth in 1973 and "Dewey." Their last finalist was The Chancellor (2009) who finished fourth.

LOOKS LIKE MONI

Bay gelding, 3 by Muscle Hill – That's All Moni – Cantab Hall



OWNER: Brittany Farms LLC, KY; Marvin Katz, ON; Al Libfeld, ON

BREEDER: Brittany Farms LLC, KY; Marvin Katz & Al Libfeld, ON

SALE INFO: Homebred

TRAINER: Nancy Takter

DRIVER: Andy McCarthy

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	8	1	2	0	\$64,333	1:51.4 M
2021	9	1	1	1	\$86,639	1:56.1 M
LIFETIME	17	2	3	1	\$150,972	3, 1:51.4 M

- Fifth in his Hambletonian elimination. He is listed at odds of 15-1 and leaves from post 10 in the final.
- Takter on Keg Stand's best qualities: "I think he's very nice to drive. He's pretty versatile, so I think whoever ends up driving him in the final will have a lot of options. He can leave, he can sit, so I think that's his strong suit. He's kind of handy, so that's good."
- Takter on the elim: "He raced good. It was the first time David [Miller] drove him. The first time a driver drives a horse they're maybe a little cautious with them. But he was good. I scoped him after the race and he didn't bleed, so that was good since he came off of Lasix. I think he needs to draw well in the final and he can probably get a piece."
- Entered into his Hambletonian elimination off a fourth place finish in his Stanley Dancer Memorial division at the Meadowlands on July 16.
- "We added the trotting hobbles [in his previous start] and they seemed to help steady him a little bit more," said Takter.
- Looks Like Moni broke and finished eighth in his Reynolds division at the Meadowlands on July 1.
- Finished a strong second in his Goodtimes elimination, but broke and finished ninth in the Final on June 18 at Woodbine-Mohawk Park.
- Started his three-year-old campaign in the New Jersey Sire Stakes. He finished second in the first leg, won his second leg in a personal best 1:51.4 and rallied for fourth in the final.

- Closed out his freshman campaign with a break in The Bluegrass at The Red Mile.
- Raced in the Kentucky Champion Series at The Red Mile, hit the board in the third leg for a second place finish and finished third in the \$250,000 Final.
- In 2021, he raced in the Peter Haughton Final on Hambletonian Day and finished fifth behind fellow Hambletonian contenders King Of The North and Fast As The Wind.
- Looks Like Moni won the first race of his career at the Meadowlands in a leg of the New Jersey Sire Stakes in 1:56.1.
- Sire Muscle Hill has sired three Hambletonian winners Ramona Hill (2020), Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixton (2014). He is co-stakes record holder with offspring Ramona Hill – both winning the Hambletonian in 1:50.1.
- In 2013, Takter started her own training stable. In 2014, she guided 2-year-old female pacer JK She'salady to Horse of the Year honors. JK She'salady is the only 2-year-old filly pacer to be named Horse of the Year. Takter received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2014.
- She has trained two Horse of the Year Award winners. JK She'salady, who earned the honor in both the U.S. and Canada in 2014, and Tall Dark Stranger in 2020.
- Takter was 1 when she moved with her family from Sweden to the U.S. Her father is Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, a four-time winner of the Hambletonian and record eight-time winner of the Hambletonian Oaks.
- Nancy Takter continued something of a family tradition by winning the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella. Yannick Gingras drove Jimmy Takter's final five Oaks champs, which came consecutively from 2014 to 2018, and also drove Sorella. In addition to winning with Sorella, Takter finished third in the Oaks final with Panem. Later in the day, Takter-trained Ready For Moni was second in the Hambletonian final. She sent out three Hambo finalists in 2021 and finished second with 55-1 longshot Spy Booth.
- Takter was the caretaker of 2010 Hambletonian winner Muscle Massive, trained by her father. She made her Hambletonian final debut as a trainer in 2014 with Resolve, who finished fifth.
- Takter won 101 races in 2021, earning over \$4.8 million in purses. For her career, she has earned nearly \$27 million in purses and closing in on 545 lifetime wins.
- Andy McCarthy won the 2020 Hambletonian with filly Ramona Hill, trained by Tony Alagna. It was McCarthy's second appearance in a Hambletonian final.
- Ramona Hill became the fourth filly trotter to win the Hambletonian since it moved to the Meadowlands in 1981 and the 15th overall to capture the sport's premier event for 3-year-old trotters. She received the 2020 Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old filly trotter.

- Last year, McCarthy drove Locatelli in the Hambletonian final. Locatelli went off stride and finished 10th.
- A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced regularly in North America since 2007. On May 7 at Harrah's Philadelphia, he recorded his 3,000th lifetime win in North America. He now has won more than 3,100 races and \$64 million in purses since arriving.
- In 2021, McCarthy set career highs with 315 victories and \$8.72 million in earnings. He ranked No. 5 among all drivers in North America in purses.
- McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Todd, who moved to the U.S. in 2020, and Luke, who raced in the U.S. in 2009, are also successful drivers and his father John is a highly regarded trainer. The McCarthy family was selected by the Bathurst Harness Racing Club as its 2016 Gold Crown honoree.
- Co-owner and breeder Brittany Farms is looking for its fourth Hambletonian win as a breeder Continentalvictory, 1996; Self Possessed, 1999; Glidemaster, 2006 and fourth as an owner (all in partnership) – Self Possessed, 1999; Glidemaster, 2006 and Muscle Hill, 2009.
- Co-owners and Breeders Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld previously won the Hambletonian in partnership in 2010 with Muscle Massive.

PERICULUM

Bay colt, 3 by Muscle Hill – Amour Heiress – Cantab Hall



OWNER: Holly Lane Stud East [Marcus Melander, Madelene Melander, Mikael Melander, Mikaela Melander], FL; Brixton Medical [Charles Goodwin], NJ; Howard Taylor, PA
BREEDER: Order By Stable [Stefan Balazsi], Sweden
SALE INFO: \$340,000 Lexington Selected
TRAINER: Marcus Melander
DRIVER: Mattias Melander

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	7	1	1	1	\$143,532	1:55.0 M
2021	11	2	2	1	\$86,406	1:53.1 M
LIFETIME	18	3	3	2	\$229,938	2, 1:53.1 M

- Driver and second trainer Mattias Melander on his best qualities: “If he gets the right trip, he can really go that last quarter. He can really kick it in.”
- Finished fourth in his Hambletonian elimination. He drew post nine in the final and listed at odds of 15-1.
- Mattias Melander On the elim: “He raced super. He was three-wide in the turn and then I had to go first-over, and he fought hard all the way in. I didn’t want it to become too tough a race because he was first-over two weeks ago as well, but he fought all the way to the wire. So, I was very happy.”
- Came into the Hambletonian eliminations off a fourth place finish in his Stanley Dancer division at the Meadowlands on July 16th.
- He finished second behind Temporal Hanover in the \$310,000 Zweig Memorial at Vernon Downs on July 9.
- Periculum finished fourth in his division of the Reynolds stakes behind fellow Hambletonian contenders Rebuff and Fast As The Wind.
- Started his three-year-old campaign with a win in a leg of the New Jersey Sire Stakes in 1:55 in the slop. He finished third in the NJSS Final on May 27 at the Meadowlands.

- Driver and second trainer Mattias Melander on changes from 2 to 3: “He’s a little bit more mature with everything. You can handle him a little bit better now. Last year, he got a little hot.”
- He finished out his two-year-old year with a seventh place finish in the Matron Final at Dover Downs.
- Bounced back strong with a 1:53.1 win in the Bluegrass Stakes and a second in the International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile.
- Periculum won his William Wellwood elimination at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:54.3, but broke in the final and finished tenth.
- Kicked off his freshman year in the New Jersey Sire Stakes and managed a third place finish in leg one. After scratching sick from the Peter Haughton elimination, he finished second in the Garden State Stakes at the Meadowlands on the night before the 2021 Hambletonian.
- In the 2021 Hambletonian, Marcus Melander finished sixth with Sonofamistry. Melander’s top finisher in the 2020 final was Hollywood Story, who was fifth. In 2019, Greenshoe finished second, Gimpanzee was third, and Green Manalishi S was fifth. Greenshoe and Green Manalishi S were both elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017 when he saw Enterprise win his elimination and finish fourth-placed-third in the final. In 2018, Melander-trained Evaluate finished fifth in the final. Melander sent out three finalists in both 2019 and 2020, and takes three shots again at the 2022 Hambletonian.
- Melander, 30, had his best Hambletonian Oaks finish in 2020 with Hypnotic AM, who was second.
- Marcus Melander was voted the 2019 Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Age 27 at the time, he was the youngest trainer to ever receive the honor. The recognition came one year after he was named the Rising Star Award winner by the same organization.
- Melander is closing in on 400 training wins and has earned nearly \$20 million.
- Mattias Melander, who turns 26 on August 4, is making his second Hambletonian start. He finished tenth in 2020 with Rome Pays Off. He is the brother of trainer Marcus Melander.
- Mattias, a native of Sweden, came to the U.S. six years ago, and began working at the stable of Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, where his brother Marcus had also worked, but Takter talked him into staying.
- Mattias has over 70 driving wins and earnings over \$1.7 million.
- Sire Muscle Hill has sired three Hambletonian winners Ramona Hill (2020), Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixton (2014). He is co-stakes record holder with offspring Ramona Hill – both winning the Hambletonian in 1:50.1.

- Co-owners Brixton Medical were partners on 2014 Hambletonian champion Trixton and 2010 winner Muscle Massive
- Co-owner Howard Taylor won the Hambletonian in 2018 with Atlanta.
- Breeder Order By Stable bred 2018 Hambletonian winner Atlanta.
- The entire Melander family Marcus, Madelene, Mikael and Mikaela [Holly Lane Stud East] are co-owners.
- Periculum is Latin for danger. It is also a spell in Harry Potter. Periculum was the incantation of a charm that allowed the caster to send out bursting red sparks from their wand. The sparks were firework-like in appearance, and had a vast range, shooting up to a great height, then hovering in the spot where the caster aimed.



REBUFF

Bay colt, 3 by Muscle Hill – Meucci Madness – Yankee Glide



OWNER: Kjell Magne Andersen, Switzerland; Lucas Wallin, NJ; Pieter Delis, Netherlands
BREEDER: Steve H Stewart, KY; Michael D Andrew, ME
SALE INFO: \$200,000 Lexington Selected
TRAINER: Lucas Wallin
DRIVER: Tim Tetrick

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	3	3	0	0	\$129,575	1:49.4 M
2021	11	4	2	1	\$444,095	1:52.2 Lex
LIFETIME	14	7	2	1	\$573,670	3, 1:49.4 M

- Won his Hambletonian elimination in 1:52.2 and is the favorite heading into the final. Listed as the 9-5 favorite in the final and will leave from post one.
- Rebuff's best qualities according to Tetrick: "He's fast. I think off a helmet, he's as fast as any trotter I've driven. On the front, he looks around and goofs off and waits for somebody to get to him. It's looks deceiving, like he's done, but he's not even close to being done."
- Driver Tetrick on the elim: "He was awesome. He trotted right to the wire just looking for somebody to come fight him. He had plenty of go."
- Trainer Wallin on Rebuff only having three starts coming into the Hambletonian final, "We raced plenty of times as a two year old, he is a nice size horse that is pretty light and good gaited, so we figured he didn't need so many starts before we can get him in shape. So far the plan has been working out."
- Wallin on driver Tim Tetrick: "Tim has done a tremendous job with him. We usually don't talk about tactics and I leave it up to him. We chat a little bit after. Before the Stanley Dancer we said if we have the chance we would like to try him on the lead."
- Rebuff's warm up before his elimination: "He actually warmed up really good. The track is really, really good tonight. Two weeks ago the track was probably a little faster, but for the horses it is pretty perfect tonight. He warmed up very, very good."

- Wallin's prep leading into next week: "It is too late to make any changes in the training. He is going to jog three or four times and then we are going to train him very light on Wednesday, just a light mile."
- "We've been very confident with him," Wallin said after his Dancer win. "He actually lost a front shoe in the race. I don't know where, but that's even more impressive. We're not surprised."
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination with only two previous starts as a three year old. He won his Reynolds division over fellow Hambletonian contender Fast As The Wind on July 1 in 1:51.1. He followed that up with a personal best of 1:49.4 (equaling a track record) in his Stanley Dancer division at the Meadowlands on July 16 over fellow Hambo contender Temporal Hanover.
- Tetrick on changes from 2 to 3: "Last year, he didn't have any early speed and we had to be careful with him because he would make little mistakes. Last year, I always raced him from way out of it and he would always come flying, but at times he would get a little nervous and make silly mistakes. You always had to give up a length or two to make it up late. Now it's like he's 4 or 5 years old instead of being a year-and-a-half. He's learned a lot and he's got so much go. He's confident with his gait now. He's really strong."
- "We've been very, very high on him since we bought him, actually, but he was very immature, and it took us a couple of starts to get him here and he really came up big here," said Wallin after his Breeders Crown win.
- Finished his freshman season with a bang – won both the elimination and final of the Breeders Crown at the Meadowlands in October 2021. He was parked out two wide at the three quarter pole before powering up on a sloppy, rain soaked track in 1:55.
- Rebuff had two second-place finishes in the Kentucky Champion Series for two year olds at The Red Mile and captured a division of the International Stallion Stakes over fellow Hambletonian contender Periculum in 1:52.2.
- Had a rocky start to his two-year-old campaign. He broke in his first start and then scratched sick. He won in his third start with Wallin in the bike at the Meadowlands in 1:57.
- Sire Muscle Hill has sired three Hambletonian winners Ramona Hill (2020), Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixton (2014). He is co-stakes record holder with offspring Ramona Hill – both winning the Hambletonian in 1:50.1.
- Tim Tetrick enjoyed another strong season at the Meadowlands in 2021. Tetrick had 95 wins at The Big M and was second in purses earnings with \$4,091,471. The Hall of Famer drove Dan Patch Award winner Lyons Sentinel and won a Breeders Crown with 2022 Hambletonian prospect Rebuff. Tetrick also won driving titles at Harrah's Philadelphia and coming into 2022 he led the way at Dover Downs. In 2021, won 658 races (ranked second), was the sport's leading money winner with \$12,917,113, and The Bionic Man also passed 12,000 career wins (seventh all-time) and \$240 million (third all-time).
- In 2020, Tetrick was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He is currently second in money earnings among drivers in North America with \$6.2 million in 2022.

- Tim Tetrick won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share, trained by Linda Toscano. Market Share received divisional Dan Patch Award honors and finished second to stablemate Chapter Seven for Trotter of the Year. Tetrick has finished second three times in the Hambletonian final, with Smilin Eli in 2013, Crazed in 2008 and Spy Booth in 2021.
- He has two wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with Bar Slide for trainer Joe Holloway in 2010 and Danae for trainer George Teague Jr. in 2007.
- He ranks third in all-time driver purses with more than \$246 million. He led the sport in earnings in 2019 and 2018 as well as for seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013. He has finished no worse than third in the money standings in each of the past 15 years. Tetrick ranks seventh in career wins with more than 12,900. He got victory 12,000 in February 2021. The 39-year-old Tetrick was the first driver to accomplish the feat prior to the age of 40. He has finished among the Top 10 in wins each of the past 17 years.
- In 2007, Tetrick won a single-season record 1,189 races and was named the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award winner as well as Driver of the Year. That season he became the first driver to lead the sport in both wins and purses (a then-record \$18.3 million) in the same year since 1991.
- Tetrick was the regular driver of 2012 Horse of the Year Award winner Chapter Seven and 2019 Horse of the Year Award winner Shartin N.
- He represented the U.S. in the 2015 World Driving Championship and finished third.
- Tetrick grew up in Illinois and followed his father, Tom D. Tetrick, into the sport. Brothers Tom T. and Trace also are involved in harness racing. Trace is the all-time leader in driving wins at Hoosier Park.
- "He could always trot," said co-breeder Steve Stewart after Rebuff's Breeders Crown win. "I thought he was always somewhat of an immature yearling and I was very happy to see Lucas... he did an unbelievable job with him. Watching him race this summer, he was very patient with him and that's what the horse needed. He needed... not to hurt him. And they raced him from behind, like he said, and it's a wonderful thing."
- Stewart also bred 2019 Hambletonian champion Forbidden Trade and co-bred 2014 Hambletonian winner Trixton.

TEMPORAL HANOVER

Bay colt, 3 by Walner – Think Twice – Cantab Hall



OWNER: AMG Stable [Jan Johnson], FL; Kenneth Kjellgren, Sweden; Rick Wahlstedt, NY; Heights Stable [Michael Sabatine], NY
BREEDER: Hanover Shoe Farms
SALE INFO: \$55,000 Standardbred Horse Sale
TRAINER: Marcus Melander
DRIVER: Orjan Kihlstrom

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	6	3	3	0	\$300,625	1:52.2 VD
2021	12	5	2	1	\$207,666	1:53.2 Lex
LIFETIME	18	8	5	1	\$508,291	3, 1:52.2 VD

- Temporal Hanover finished second by a head in his elimination behind Jiggy Jog S. Listed at odds of 8-1 and drew post seven in the final.
- Melander on the elim: “He raced very good. He raced first up. He came home very good too, but when Jiggy Jog found room she was just very quick.”
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination off a second place finish in his Stanley Dancer Memorial elimination behind Hambletonian contender Rebuff on July 16.
- Took his mark of 1:52.2 when he captured the \$310,000 Zweig at Vernon Downs on June 9 over stablemate and fellow Hambletonian contender Periculum.
- Began his three-year-old campaign with two wins in the New Jersey Sire Stakes in 1:54 and 1:52.3. Then finished second in the final just a neck behind Pretender after being parked out the majority of the mile.
- As a freshman, he won a division of the International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile in 1:53.2 before returning to the Meadowlands where he finished third in his Breeders Crown elimination and sixth in the final.
- After finishing ninth in the 2021 Peter Haughton Memorial, Temporal Hanover rolled off two straight wins – capturing a division of the Champlain Stakes in 1:57 and his William Wellwood elimination in 1:55.1 both at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

- Started his career two-for-two in the New Jersey Sire Stakes. He finished second behind fellow Hambletonian contender King Of The North in the \$200,000 NJSS Final.
- In 2021, Marcus Melander finished sixth with Sonofamistry. Melander's top finisher in the 2020 final was Hollywood Story, who was fifth. In 2019, Greenshoe finished second, Gimpanzee was third, and Green Manalishi S was fifth. Greenshoe and Green Manalishi S were elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017. He saw Enterprise win his elimination and finish fourth-placed-third in the final. In 2018, Melander-trained Evaluate finished fifth in the final. Melander had three finalists in both 2019 and 2020, and takes three shots again in 2022.
- Melander, 30, had his best Hambletonian Oaks finish in 2020 with Hypnotic AM, who was second.
- Marcus Melander was voted the 2019 Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Age 27 at the time, he was the youngest trainer to ever receive the honor. The recognition came one year after he was named the Rising Star Award winner by the same organization.
- Melander is closing in on 400 training wins and has earned nearly \$20 million.
- He also has Hambletonian starters Periculum and the filly Joviality S.
- Örjan Kihlström is one of Europe's top drivers and was elected to Sweden's Hall of Fame in 2015. He already has two stakes wins at the Meadowlands in his career, capturing the 2014 Breeders Crown Open Trot with Commander Crowe and 2015 Fresh Yankee with D'One on Hambletonian Day. He drove Cruzado Dela Noche in his Hambletonian elimination in 2015, finishing ninth and failing to advance to the final. In 2018, he drove Evaluate to a fifth place finish in the Hambletonian final. Most recently he drove Gerry in 2019, who finished seventh and failed to make the final.
- He is perhaps best known internationally for his wins with Nuncio, Magic Tonight, and From Above in the Elitlopp and his win with Maharajah in the Prix d'Amérique. He also has driven stars such as Giant Diablo and Propulsion.
- When he was elected to the Hall of Fame, Kihlström's bio proclaimed: "Magic hands. Nerves of steel. Ice cold as few. He has the ability many want, but few possess."
- Temporal Hanover is from the first crop of Walner, a stand-out trotter sidelined in his three year old year due to injury. His other notable offspring include Hambletonian Oaks contenders Venerable [\$1.1 million], Fashion Schooner and fellow Hambletonian finalists Joviality S and Jiggy Jog S, both fillies.
- Hanover Shoe Farms has bred eleven Hambletonian winners, the latest being Perfect Spirit in 2017.
- Co-owner Jan Johnson trained Hambletonian winner Armbro Goal in 1988, the same year he also trained Oaks champion Nans Catch, one of Johnson's six Oaks trophies.

