

LEGENDARY HANOVER

Bay Colt 3, by Huntsville – Lillian Hanover – Well Said

OWNERS: Eric K Good, MD; West Wins Stable [Casie Coleman], FL; Mark B Dumain, NY

BREEDER: Hanover Shoe Farms, PA

SALE: Lexington-Selected \$260,000

TRAINER: Anthony Beaton

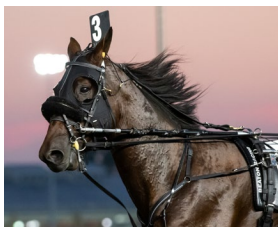
DRIVER: James MacDonald

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2024	6	3	2	0	\$99,095	1:48.0 M
2023	9	6	2	0	\$303,940	1:50.0 HoP
LIFETIME	15	9	4	0	\$402,209	1:48.0 M

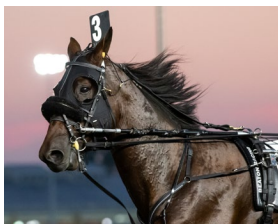
- Has post six in the Pace Final and is listed as the second choice at 3-1.
- Trainer Beaton following the elimination, “He finally got a half-decent trip tonight, which is something he’s needed for a while. He’s been doing a lot of the heavy lifting. He deserves the accolades he’s getting tonight because he has done a lot of work and he’s raced very well each start. It almost seems like some people were losing faith in him because he wasn’t winning those races, but I never lost faith in this horse. I’ve said it in the past, he may be one of the best horses that I’ve ever trained myself. He’s a big, strong, powerful horse.

He's so professional. He's almost too smart for his own good. You could have a baby almost jog him, he's so relaxed. It's nice to go to the barn and jog a horse like that, it kind of sets you up for a good day. It's nice to have that nice horse, mild mannered, just a sweetheart to jog. He brightens your day.”

- Legendary Hanover was three-wide in upper stretch, and the Huntsville-Lillian Hanover colt surged to the front with a sixteenth to go, capping his 1:48 lifetime-best performance with an astonishing :24.4 sprint home to capture his Pace elimination.
- Driver James MacDonald after the elimination: "Today, I was looking for a nice trip and to have him pacing at the end; it couldn't have worked out any better. I didn't think fitness would be a problem. I was confident he'd be fit enough, and it was my job to find a nice trip for him."
- Came into his Pace elimination off a tough-trip, fourth-place finish from post eight in the North America Cup Final.



- Started his three-year-old season with two wins against older horses at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:49.4 and 1:48.3. He followed that up with two second-place finishes, one in his Somebeachsomewhere division and one in his North America Cup elimination – finishing behind fellow Pace contender Funtime Bayama both times.
- Legendary Hanover finished his sophomore year with a second-place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination and a ninth-place finish in that final after fading in the stretch.
- Began his two-year-old campaign a perfect six for six, including wins in a leg and final of the Dream Maker Series, a division of the Nassagaway and Champlain, and a Metro elimination, all at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He finished second in the Metro Final behind fellow Pace contender Captain's Quarters. He was voted a 2023 O'Brien Award winner.
- This is James MacDonald's first Pace starter. He was the 2017 World Driving Champion and three-time O'Brien Award winner as Canada's Driver of the Year. MacDonald of Guelph, Ontario, will represent Canada in the 2025 World Driving Championship after emerging victorious in the 2024 National Driving Championship (NDC) on Friday, July 5, at Hippodrome 3R in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.
- MacDonald, 38, is the youngest of five. Brother Mark races mainly on the New York circuit. Brother Anthony, also a longtime driver, owns and operates [TheStable.ca](https://www.thestable.ca) with his wife, Amy, a company that allows people to own a percentage of a racehorse. His other two brothers, Lloyd and Curtis, are also involved in the sport, but work on the media side of things. Curtis operates the Guelph-based photography and videography company Cujo Entertainment.
- Trainer Anthony Beaton has two in the final, Nijinsky being the other. Beaton was around many of the top horses in the sport when working for trainer Casie Coleman and has built up a nice stable of his own since starting his own barn in 2017.
- Beaton has over 330 career training wins and over \$6.6 million in stable earnings.
- The 47-year-old native of Nova Scotia only had nice things to say about Legendary Hanover as a two-year-old: "He's a very, very nice animal. He's just one of those horses who love their job. We are hoping he keeps getting better and stronger as we move forward. I really don't know where the bottom is at this point. Everything is just effortless with him. Anything he does really doesn't amaze me. His attitude and demeanor is great. He loves work and never seems to get tired of doing it. Most younger horses go there four or five laps and know where the gate is to come off. He'll stay out there all day long jogging if you let him."



- Beaton on having two horses in the final, “It’s extremely special. Like I said going into the NA Cup, we’re going in with two legitimate shots. Some people are lucky to get one shot in their life, and I’ve got two great shots. Either one of them could win it. You never know, either one of them could get beat. That’s the way it is. But I think we’re going in the right direction heading into these races.

It’s very nice to have these two horses. I’m very fortunate. I really appreciate the ownership group trusting me to take care of these horses. That’s the big thing. If they didn’t trust me, they’d be somewhere else. Then it’s not as fun.

- Owner Casie Coleman had four Pace finalists as a trainer, but failed to win the Final. Her best finish was in 2005 with American Ideal. He finished fourth. In 2009, she finished ninth with Art Colony; in 2010, Sportswriter finished seventh, and in 2011, Betterthancheddar finished seventh.
- Coleman also owns Pace finalist Nijinsky.
- Sire Huntsville won the Meadowlands Pace in 2017. His progeny have earned over \$23 million from 343 starters. Top performers include Max Contract [\$656,305], Huntinthelastdolar [\$652,655], and Early Action [\$626,994].

