1965

DuQuoin State Fair • September 1, 1965 • Purse $122,245

Egyptian Candor: A Dark Horse in Near Darkness

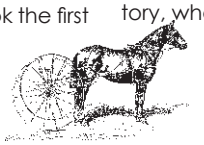
The 1965 race is memorable for a lot of reasons. With an awesome, torrential rain on Hambletonian eve, the Du Quoin track was reduced to a sea of mud. The first heat of the day's program did not get off until nearly 4:00 and then the Hambletonian field proceeded to take four heats in determining a winner.

It was both an uplifting and disheartening day for Stanley Dancer, trainer of the eventual winner, Egyptian Candor, a colt owned and bred by the Dancers. Dancer had Noble Victory in the race as the prohibitive favorite. Both before and after the Hambletonian, Noble Victory would be the cream of the crop, but on Hambletonian Day, Noble Victory could not handle the off track .

Short Stop, with the veteran Ned Bower in the sulky, took the first heat, trotted in 2:05[1] over the sticky going, defeating Nimble Boy by a head. Noble Victory made a break in the opening heat and finished a badly beaten ninth. In the second heat, Del Cameron, substituting for Dancer, got Egyptian Candor home a winner over Nimble Boy and Armbro Flight. The mile was trotted in 2:04[3].

The three heat winners were barely visible as they loafed through the opening three-quarters. Egyptian Candor came out just after the half, and engaged the filly Armbro Flight from there home, and recorded a narrow win.

For Del Cameron, it was his second Hambletonian victory, and for Stanley Dancer, victory was tinged with the defeat of Noble Victory, who was fourth overall.



- Stanley Dancer won his first Hambletonian as a trainer, with a horse owned by his wife. However, he elected to drive the overwhelming pre-race favorite, and seemingly unbeatable, Noble Victory, who came in to the Hambletonian with a 20-race win streak.
- In the first heat, Noble Victory made a break over the sticky racetrack and finished ninth. In the second heat, Del Cameron, subbing for Dancer, won with Noble Victory's stablemate Egyptian Candor. Noble Victory, still struggling over the surface, was seventh.
- When the great filly Armbro Flight beat Egyptian Candor to win the third heat (Noble Victory was third) the race was forced to fourth heat for just the fifth time in its history. Cameron asked Dancer to take over and drive Egyptian Candor in the three-horse race-off, but Dancer told him "it's your race to win or lose."
- Del Cameron won his second Hambletonian in near darkness, a little before 8:00 p.m. The photographer's flashes illuminated a narrow win for Egyptian Candor over Armbro Flight.
- A homebred from the Dancer's Egyptian Acres Stable, Egyptian Candor was the fourth son of 1950 runner-up Star's Pride to win the classic.

EGYPTIAN CANDOR, b c, by Star's Pride—Doe Hanover, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Del Cameron Trainer: Stanley Dancer
Owner & Breeder: Rachel Dancer (Egyptian Acres), NJ
Groom: Guy-Jean Lamarre . . . 5 1 2 1

ARMBRO FLIGHT, by Star's Pride—Helicopter, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Joe O'Brien
Owner: Armstrong Brothers . . . 6 3 1 2

SHORT STOP, by Speedster—Caprice, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Ned Bower
Owner: Penn - Win Stable . . . 1 5 4 3

Also competed: Noble Victory 9-7-3, Victory Cadet 7-6-8, Perfect Freight 11-9-6, Poplar Jamie 4-10-dr, Hercules Hanover 8-8-dr, Evans Hanover 10-dr.

NIMBLE BOY, by Worthy Boy—Hoot Nimble, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Castleton Farm . . . 2 2 7 ro

MARENGO HANOVER, by Hickory Smoke—Marla Hanover, by Hoot
Driver: John Simpson
Owner: A. C. Mudge and K. D. Owen . . . 3 4 5 ro

TIME BY QUARTERS:

1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
:30[2]	1:02	1:33[2]	2:05[1]
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:34[4]	1:09	1:41[3]	2:10[1]

1964

DuQuoin State Fair • September 2, 1964 • Purse $115,281

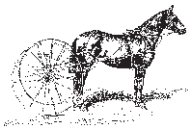
Ayres: Winner had a Mind of His Own

Ayres, the tiny fireball with a mind of his own, provided John Simpson, Jr., with his second Hambletonian winner in stakes record time of 1:56^{4} in the opening heat. As a two-year-old, Ayres was a fast but temperamental colt, but patient and competent handling by Simpson turned him into the fastest Hambletonian performer of that time.

Ayres was the third winner sired by Hanover Shoe Farms' great sire, Star's Pride, and he defeated one of the smallest, but most quality-laden fields in Hambletonian history. The first five finishers all became top trotting sires and Ayres, Speedy Count and Speedy Rodney became sires of Hambletonian winners. Ayres sired full brothers Christopher T. and Timothy T. to win the classic in 1974 and 1970, respectively. Speedy Count sired 1976 winner Steve Lobell, and Speedy Rodney sired 1977 champion Green Speed.

Owned and bred by Charlotte Sheppard, Ayres trotted miles of 1:56^{1} and 1:58^{1} to turn back Big John and Speedy Count.

The mile in the first heat trotted in 1:56^{4} equalled Speedy Scot's then world mark for trotters, but Ayres had trotted faster than any other in Hambletonian history.



- In the first national telecast of the Hambletonian, the race was broadcast tape-delayed three days later on ABC's Wide World of Sports.
- The homebred Ayres was the third horse to win the Triple Crown of Trotting.
- Ayres' first heat was a stake record and tied the world record for three year olds in 1:56^{4}.
- Ayres was the 3-year-old Trotter of the Year.
- The five money winners all became top sires; three of the five (Ayres, Speedy Count and Speedy Rodney) produced Hambletonian winners. The other two were Big John and Dartmouth.
- 39,068 may be the largest crowd to see a Hambletonian at DuQuoin. Nearly 40,000 also attended the 1966 classic.

AYRES, b c, by Star's Pride—Arpege, by Hoot Mon
DARTMOUTH, by Victory Song—Lura Hanover, by Spencer Scott
Driver: John Simpson, Sr. Trainer: John Simpson, Sr.
Breeder: Charlotte N Sheppard

BIG JOHN, by Florican—Perty Day, by Guy Day
Driver: Eddie Wheeler
Owner: Big John Enterprises . . . 2 2

SPEEDY COUNT, by Speedster—Countess Song, by Victory Song
Driver: William Haughton
Owner: Trader Horn, Inc.. . . 3 3

Also competed: Dedevil 6-5, Scribe Rodney 8-6, Sasebo 7-7, Rain Water 9-9.

DARTMOUTH, by Victory Song-Lura Hanover, by Spencer Scott
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Castleton Farm . . . 5 4

SPEEDY RODNEY, by Rodney—Mimi Hanover, by Dean Hanover
Driver: Bill Shuter
Owner: Carey, Carey and Mann . . . 4 8

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
:28^{4}	:57^{3}	1:27^{3}	1:56^{4}
:29^{1}	:59^{3}	1:29^{1}	1:58^{1}

1963

DuQuoin State Fair • August 28, 1963 • Purse $115,549

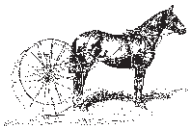
Speedy Scot: A Powerful Win

The Hambletonian and world trotting mark was lowered nearly a full second in 1963, but not by eventual winner, Speedy Scot. Florlis, his season-long arch rival, upset both Speedy Scot and the experts with an amazing 1:57^{3} opening heat victory that left the Hambletonian outcome strictly in doubt.

But, in the final analysis, Speedy Scot, one of the great trotters of all time, prevailed in a world-record setting three heat battle closed off with final miles in 1:58 and 1:58^{2}.

Bred and owned by Castleton Farm of Lexington, Ky., Speedy Scot entered the race as the prohibitive favorite. After the first heat loss where Speedy Scot was forced to go three wide in the final turn, the burly Speedster colt responded in the next two trips with nearly perfect miles, earning him the silver.

Speedy Scot and Florlis were clearly the best of this field, which also included Elma, future dam of former record holder Japa, 3, 1:56^{3}, and Texas, second in the 1977 Hambletonian.



- Race conditions were changed to require eliminations if the number of entries created more than two tiers of starters (21 or more).
- It was rumored that Speedy Scot had been withheld from the Castleton yearling consignment because he was awkward and an "ugly duckling." In fact, Speedy Scot was retained by Castleton, simply because the breeding farm wanted to keep one colt and one filly from Speedster's second crop. Speedy Scot became the second horse to win the Triple Crown of Trotting and went on to be one of the greatest free-for-allers of all time.
- Castleton Farm (Frances Dodge Van Lennep and her husband Fred) became the first breeder/owner of a Triple Crown winner.
- Speedy Scot was voted Three-Year-Old Trotter of the Year.
- Florlis won the first heat in 1:57.3, a world record for three-year-olds.

SPEEDY SCOT, b c, by Speedster—Scotch Love, by Victory Song
Driver & Trainer: Ralph Baldwin
Owner & Breeder: Castleton Farm
Groom: Wallace Good.. . . .2 1 1

FLORIS, by Florican—Mighty Phyllis, by Volomite
Driver: Harry Pownall
Owner: Arden Homestead . . . 1 2 2

ELMA, by Hickory Smoke—Cassin Hanover, by Hoot Mon
Driver: John SImpson, Sr.
Owner: Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sheppard . . .8 3 5

Also competed: Glidden Hanover 10-4-4, B. F. Coaltown 4-10-7, Star Act 5-14-11, Captain's Boy 7-6-8, Dorado 11-8-6, Filter 14-7-9, Cheer Honey 6-5-dr, Careless Hanover 12-13-dr, Diggs Dell 13-12-dr.

CHOIR BOY, by Victory Song—Tilly's Filly, by Scotland
Driver: Keith Waples
Owner: Drummond Stables . . . 3 9 10

BUFF HANOVER, by Hoot Mon—Beverly Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn
Driver: John Patterson Sr.
Owner: Allwood Stable. . . 9 1 3

TIME BY QUARTERS:

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:28	:58	1:27^{3}	1:57^{3}
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:28^{3}	:57^{3}	1:27^{3}	1:58^{2}

1962

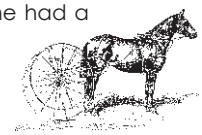
DuQuoin State Fair • August 29, 1962 • Purse $116,612

A.C.'s Viking: The "Viking" Sails to Victory

The year marked the end of an era in Hambletonian history — that of the last son of the great stallion Hoot Mon to earn Hambletonian glory. Hoot Mon, winner of the 1947 Hambletonian, sired four winners of this great event, but A. C.'s Viking was the last.

Sanders Russell, the 62-year-old Alabama horseman, prepped his big colt perfectly but needed every inch of the stretch in both heats for narrow wins over Safe Mission and Isaac in the 1:59^{3} and 2:00 heats. Russell drove in the classic event himself despite the fact he had a broken ankle and had to be helped on and off the sulky.

One of the highlights of the 1962 race was the appearance of four of the finest trotting fillies in the history of the sport. Impish, the world champion two-year-old trotting filly with a mark of 1:58^{3} was 3-5 for Frank Ervin despite a long layoff prior to the race. The famed Rodney daughters, Spry Rodney and Sprite Rodney also competed, along with Worth Seein.



- Trainer/driver Russell won two straight heats with his foot in a cast. Despite his injury, he felt it was his best chance to win the Hambletonian.
- A.C.'s Viking also won the Yonkers Futurity, but was beaten in straight heats by Safe Mission in the Kentucky Futurity.
- A.C.'s Viking was voted Three-Year-Old Trotter of the Year.

A. C.'S VIKING, b c, by Hoot Mon—Volo A. C., by Nibble Hanover
Driver & Trainer: Sanders Russell
Owner & Breeder: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Petersen, Hartford, CT
Groom: Elbridge "Tiny" Rogers
Sale History: $10,500 yearling at Standardbred Horse Sale. . . . 1 1

ISAAC, by Hoot Mon—Goddess Hanover, by Dean Hanover
Driver: John Simpson, Sr.
Owner: Patricia Williams . . . 5 2

SAFE MISSION, by Scott Frost—Fatal Mission, by Bombs Away
Driver: Joe O'Brien
Owner: S. A. Camp Farms. . . 2 12

Also competed: Spry Rodney 4-4, Nathaniel 6-10, Rooney Hanover 10-6, Sprite Rodney 7-8, Varlo Hanover 13-7, Worth Seein 8-9, Happy Newport 9-15, Oh You Kid 12-13, Dubble T. 14-14.

IMPISH, by The Intruder—Ilo Hanover, by Nibble Hanover
Driver: Frank Ervin
Owner: Eaton Ridge Farm . . . 3 5

LORD GORDON, by Darnley—Miss Gordon, by Walter Spencer
Driver: John Patterson Sr.
Owner: Allwood Stable . . . 15 3

TIME BY QUARTERS:

1/4	1/2	3/4	MILE
:28^{4}	:58^{4}	1:28^{4}	1:59^{3}
:30^{1}	1:00	1:30	2:00

1961

DuQuoin State Fair • August 30, 1961 • Purse $131,573

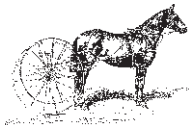
Harlan Dean: World Mark Lowered

The Hambletonian and world trotting record was again lowered this year, with Harlan Dean trotting two nearly perfect miles to capture the stake. Jimmy Arthur, an assistant in the powerful Delvin Miller stable, got the driving assignment from Miller on Harlan Dean and Arthur showed his talents as well.

The field was a good one, perhaps the best ever to start in a Hambletonian up to that point. It included not only Harlan Dean, but the very fast Hoot Mon colt, Caleb, Matastar, and the beautifully gaited Spectator, handled by Ralph Baldwin.

There was precedent for Miller to give up the drive on the eventual winner. In 1953, Miller had his young assistant Harry Harvey handle the reins on Helicopter, and Harvey ushered the filly to victory. Likewise, Miller handed the assignment to Jimmy Arthur for Harlan Dean on the eve of the race. Harlan Dean raced for his breeder, Max Hempt, later a president of the Hambletonian Society, and one of the leading breeders in the sport. He was co-owned by Miller and Ray Cleveland.

The first heat in 1:58^{2} was a new stake and world mark for three-year-old trotters.



- For the second time, one of Delvin Miller's assistants drove the winning part of the entry. (Miller assistant Harry Harvey drove Helicopter in 1953).
- Three-year-old World Record of 1:58.2.
- Harlan Dean was voted 3-year-old Trotter of the Year.
- The Trotting Horse Club of America was dissolved and the stakes which it sponsored, including the Historic Series, the Tompkins Memorial, the Geers Stakes, the Matron and the American-Nationals, were assumed by The Hambletonian Society. Founded in 1927, the Trotting Horse Club of America, an association of breeders, was instrumental in the growth of stakes and futurity racing in the sport, resuscitated the Grand Circuit, acquired the Register and the Year Book, and created the U.S.T.A. and the Hall of Fame of the Trotter. It also sponsored John Hervey's monumental 1947 book, The American Trotter.

HARLAN DEAN, b c, by Harlan—Lydean Hanover, by Dean Hanover
Driver: Jimmy Arthur
Trainer: Delvin Miller
Owner: Keystone Stables, Meadow Lands, PA
Breeder: Max C. Hempt, PA
Groom: "Squeaky Sam" Rickett
Sale History: $5,500 yearling purchase at Standardbred Horse Sale
. . . 6 3 1 1

TIME BY QUARTERS:			
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:29^{2}	:59	1:29	1:58^{2}
:29^{1}	:59^{2}	1:29^{2}	1:59

CALEB, by Hoot Mon—Columbia Hanover, by His Exceller

Driver: John Simpson, Sr.
Owner: Charlotte S. DeVan . . . 3 2

MATASTAR, by Star's Pride—Honey Flower, by Spud Hanover
Driver: Harry Pownall
Owner: Arden Homestead . . .2 7

SPECTATOR, by Florican—Picturesque, by Worthy Boy
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Castleton Farm . . . 6 3

CLAIRE SAMPSON, by Sampson Hanover –Scotch Claire, by Scotland
Driver: Lou Huber, Jr.
Owner: K. D. Owen . . . 4 4

Also competed: Meadow Farr 9-5, Duke Rodney 5-11, Frostbite 7-6, Orbiter 8-8, Pack Hanover 12-9, Medalist 10-10, Behave 11-13, Speedy Princess 13-12

1960

DuQuoin State Fair • August 31, 1960 • Purse $144,590

Blaze Hanover: First 4-Heat Race at DuQuoin

The gruelling test of stamina and courage that befits a great and classic race like the Hambletonian was evident in the 1960 race, with the gutsy Blaze Hanover earning the winner's trophy after a long, tiring afternoon.

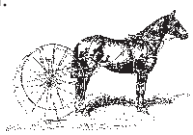
It was an exceptional field which faced the starting gate on this afternoon, with Blaze Hanover, a son of Hoot Mon owned by S. A. Camp Farms taking the first heat in 1:59^{4}, equalling the stake mark held by Emily's Pride.

Not since 1934 had the Hambletonian gone four heats. In reality, it probably would not have gone that distance had O'Brien, driving Blaze Hanover, not clipped the wheel of another horse making the apparent winning move in the second heat, won in stake record time of 1:59^{3} by the Victory Song colt Quick Song and Frank Ervin.

The third heat was taken by Hoot Frost, a full brother to 1955 Hambletonian winner, Scott Frost, scoring for Jimmy Arthur in an identical 1:59^{3}. It was the first time in history that a three heat race had the first three miles all trotted faster than 2:00.

The final, with so much speed, proved to be one of the most memorable of all time. The three speedsters loafed through an opening three-quarters of a mile in 1:43, but then thundered through the long stretch in an unbelievable :27^{3} final quarter with Blaze Hanover holding firm over Quick Song and Hoot Frost.

The purse was again a new record $144,590 and the winner, again bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, proved his mettle in the heat of battle.



- A fourth heat race-off was required after Quick Song won the second heat and Hoot Frost won the third heat in identical miles of 1:59.3 – a stake record. Blaze Hanover equaled the existing record of 1:59.4 in winning the first heat.
- The long day was made even more difficult by a thermometer reading of 102 degrees, accompanied by Midwest August humidity – probably the hottest Hambletonian ever.
- The last quarter of the fourth heat race-off was 27.3, the fastest quarter ever in the Hambletonian at DuQuoin. The mile was in 2:10.3.
- It was Sol Camp and O'Brien's second Hambletonian win, and Blaze Hanover is the only chestnut to win the Hambletonian.
- O'Brien drove in 25 Hambletonians, second only to Miller's 26.
- Purchased by Italian interests a few weeks prior to the race, Hickory Fire, a full brother to 1957 winner Hickory Smoke, was driven by Walter Baroncini, the first European driver to start in the Hambletonian.
- 22,000 people attended this non-betting event.

BLAZE HANOVER, ch c, by Hoot Mon—Beverly Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn
Driver & Trainer: Joe O'Brien
Owner: S. A. Camp Farms, Shafter, CA
Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA
Groom: Stanley "Red" MacPherson
Sale History: $27,000 yearling purchase at Standardbred Horse Sale 1 7 3 1

QUICK SONG, by Victory Song—Lucille Spencer, by Averill
Driver: Frank Ervin
Owner: Castleton Farms . . . 3 1 4 2

HOOT FROST, by Hoot Mon—Nora, by Spencer
Driver: Jimmy Arthur
Owner: Armstrong Bros. . . 5 1 1 3

Also competed: Merrie Duke 17-4-9, Tonia Hanover 6-11-15, Carlene Hanover 7-5-7, In Haste 16-6-8, Mr. Pat 13-10-10, Lord Sampson 10-18-11, Darcie Hanover 11-8-dr, Uncle Sam 8-17-dr, Volo Mon 12-9-dr, Mystery Song 9-15-dr, Carlton 15-12-dr, Demon Ros 18-14-dr, Hickory Fire 19-16-dr, Star Performer 14-dr-dr.

LOWE HANOVER, by Star's Pride—Linda Dean, by Dean Hanover
Driver: Del Miller
Owner: Hempt and Cleveland . . . 4 2 2 ro

ELAINE RODNEY, by Rodney—Honor Bright, by Bill Gallon
Driver: Clint Hodgins
Owner: S. L. & K. Stables . . . 2 3 6 ro

TIME BY QUARTERS:

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:33^{2}	1:08^{1}	1:43	2:10^{3}

1959

DuQuoin State Fair • September 2, 1959 • Purse $125,283

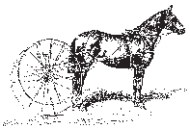
Diller Hanover: Trainer Baldwin Finishes One-Two

As has often happened in Hambletonian history, a trainer of two colts entered in the great race has chosen one of his two possible mounts and given the other drive to a friend, and then watched as that friend drove his way to victory lane.

Such was the case in 1959 when Ralph Baldwin gave the drive behind Diller Hanover to Frank Ervin, who would gain his first Hambletonian victory in ten tries. Diller Hanover, a son of Star's Pride, rewarded his young sire with his second straight Hambletonian winner with miles in 2:01[1] and 2:01[4] over a track dulled by rain a day earlier.

Ralph Baldwin trained Diller and prepped him for the race, but chose instead to drive Tie Silk, who finished second and fourth with Circo and Bill Haughton trotting home second in the final heat, but not menacing the winner.

The purse was a record $125,283, at the time the richest harness race ever, and the winner's share of $73,666 made Diller Hanover the leading money winning two-and three-year-old of all time in harness racing.



- Frank Ervin catch-drove for trainer Ralph Baldwin, who reined the other half of his entry, Tie Silk, and finished second in the summary (2-4).
- Diller Hanover was the Three-year-old Trotter of the Year.
- The youngest driver ever in the Hambletonian, future Chicago star Walter "Butch" Paisley, was only 18 years and six months old when he drove Algiers Eblis, a horse owned by his father, to a 12-15 finish, 14th in the summary.

DILLER HANOVER, b c, by Star's Pride—Dream Hanover
Driver: Frank Ervin Trainer: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Hall Stables (Howard M. Hall), Watertown, NY
Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms
Sale History: $6,300 yearling purchase at Standardbred Horse Sale
Groom: "Sonny" Haynes.. . . .1 1

TIE SILK, by Rodney—Pure Silk, by Volomite
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Two Gaits Farm . . . 2 4

CIRCO, by His Excellency—Lovanna Hanover, by Spencer Scott
Driver: William Haughton
Owner: Charles Ruderman . . .5 2

Also competed: The Lodger 4-7, Farand Hanover 7-5, Spike Hanover 6-6, Rodney Pick 8-9, Yankee King 9-8, Lord Chutney 10-10, John Hanover 11-12, Algiers Eblis 12-15, Tartan Hanover 15-13, Newport Dillon 14-14.

FLIGHT SONG, by Victory Song—Jen Hanover, by Dean Hanover
Driver: Lou Huber, Jr.
Owner: K. D. Owen . . . 3 11

LADY BELVEDERE, by Worthy Boy—Lorraine, by Scotland
Driver: Del Miller
Owner: Armstrong Bros. . . 13 3

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1958

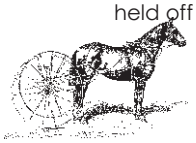
DuQuoin State Fair • August 27, 1958 • Purse $106,719

Emily's Pride: The Star's Pride Era Begins

The three-heat victory of Emily's Pride was the beginning of a new Hambletonian era — that of the domination of Victory Lane at DuQuoin by sons and daughters of Star's Pride. Bred by the noted Connecticut breeder Charles W. Phellis, Emily's Pride was owned by Castleton Farm and Walnut Hall Farm of Lexington, Kentucky and was driven by "Flick" Nipe for trainer Fred Egan.

Emily's Pride won her first heat in 2:00[1], beating Mr. Saunders and Gene Riegle, and Sharpshooter, driven by Harry Pownall. She was 12th in the second heat after going offstride on the backstretch. Fred Egan recaptured her form in the third heat, trotting past second dash winner Little Rocky and Joe O'Brien in a beautiful 1:59[4] mile, which at the time was the fastest mile trotting in this stake.

The new stake mark did not come easily as Emily's Pride had to circle the field from the 12th post position and was still parked on the outside past the half in :59[3]. Nearing the three-quarters, trotted in 1:29[3], Nipe asked the filly to trot again and she zoomed into command and held off the close of Sandalwood and Ralph Baldwin.



- First Hambletonian faster than 2:00; the mile in 1:59.4 was a world record for a three-year-old filly trotter.
- Fred Egan, 79, was the oldest trainer ever to win the Hambletonian; it was his third. Egan referred to his driver, 62-year-old Flave "Flick" Nipe, as "that boy!" The previous year Egan had driven Cassin Hanover to a 3-3 finish. At 70 years of age, he won the Hambletonian driving Miss Tilly (1949).
- Egan was certain he had the 1958 Hambletonian winner in his barn all along, but he was focusing on Gang Awa, another trotter he had initially trained for C. W. Phellis, the breeder and original owner of Emily's Pride. Gang Awa was the offspring of two Hambletonian winners, Hoot Mon (1947) and Miss Tilly (1949), but only finished 6-13-8 that day. Both Gang Awa and Emily's Pride had been initially trained by Egan for Phellis and remained in his stable when they were sold to Walnut Hall Farm and Castleton Farm privately after Phellis' death.
- Emily's Pride was the dam of Noble Victory, the favorite for the 1965 Hambletonian.
- Emily's Pride was voted Horse of the Year.

EMILY'S PRIDE, b f, by Star's Pride—Emily Scott
Driver: Flave Nipe
Trainer: Fred Egan
Owner: Castleton Farm and Walnut Hall Farm
Breeder: Charles W. Phellis, CT
Groom: Jimmy Cassan
Sale History: Private purchase from Phellis' estate in 1957 by in a package that included the 1949 winner Miss Tilly.. . . . 1 12 1

LITTLE ROCKY, by Star's Pride—Highland Lassie
Driver: Joe O'Brien
Owner: S. A. Camp Farms . . . 14 1 4

MR. SAUNDERS, by Florican—Cheer Up
Driver: Gene Riegle
Owner: Three Way Stable . . . 2 11 3

Also competed: Great Lullwater 11-2-6, Sharpshooter 3-9-7, Mix Hanover 9-4-9, Lumber Along 12-5-10, Gang Awa 6-13-8, Baron Colby 10-6-12, Record Mat 7-7-11, Spunky Hanover 8-8-13, Florella Hanover 13-10-dr.

TIME BY QUARTERS:

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:29	:59	1:30[1]	2:00[1]
:29	:58[3]	1:30[2]	2:02
:29[4]	:59[3]	1:29[3]	1:59[4]

SANDALWOOD, by Rodney—Satin Hanover
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Two Gaits Farm . . . 4 14 2

MC COLBY, by Colby Hanover—Scotch Rhythm
Driver: Dana Cameron
Owner: K. D. Owen . . . 5 2 5

1957

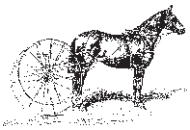
DuQuoin State Fair • August 27, 1957 • Purse $111,126

Hickory Smoke: The Hambletonian's DuQuoin Debut

The Hambletonian was in its first year at a new home, the DuQuoin State Fair, and 21 starters paid the freight for their shot at the trophy. The large field was divided into two divisions with each group racing two heats and the winners returning for a fifth and final heat.

One of the favorites, the Sheppard and Mudge-owned Hickory Smoke, took the heats of the first division in 2:01 and 2:00[1] for John Simpson Sr. The Hoot Mon filly, Hoot Song, took both heats of the second division for Ralph Baldwin and Two Gaits Farm of Indiana in 2:02[1] and 2:02.

The final belonged to Hickory Smoke, who trotted the final quarter of his 2:08[4] mile in 28.3 to hold off a fast closing Hoot Song.Of note in the field of starters was Charlotte Sheppard's Cassin Hanover, who as a broodmare later produced Elma to the cover of Hickory Smoke. Elma went on to win $164,710 in a successful American and European career. As a broodmare, Elma produced Japa, at one time the world record holder for three-year-old trotting fillies, and Texas, runnerup to Green Speed in the world record 1:55[3] Hambletonian in 1977. Finishing third in both heats behind second division winner Hoot Song was the young Rodney stallion,Speedster, who later would sire two Hambletonian winners, full brothers Speedy Scot and Speedy Streak. Also of note in the 1957 field was the 10-6 finish of Flicka Frost, driven by William Haughton. Flicka would later earn a niche in the history of the Hambletonian as the dam of two winners, Timothy T. in 1970 and Christopher T. in 1974.



- The Hambletonian was moved to DuQuoin, Illinois from Good Time Park in Goshen, NY, – prompted by a dispute between the United States Trotting Association and New York state racing officials. In a statement issued by Hambletonian Society president E. Roland Harriman, "The directors of the Hambletonian Society were agreed that the proper place for the Hambletonian is Goshen. (First raced there in 1930 and every year since except 1943.) However, in view of the unsatisfactory conditions under which harness racing is being administered at the present time in New York State, a contract was awarded for two years to the Du Quoin State Fair, DuQuoin, IL, by unanimous vote." The race stayed at DuQuoin for 24 years.
- Because of the 21 starters, the classic was conducted in an elimination format with two divisions, each racing two heats. Hickory Smoke won both his heats and then defeated Hoot Song in the final race-off between the two. He was the only horse ever required to win three heats to take home the Hambletonian trophy.
- The only horse ever to win two heats of the Hambletonian but not the trophy was the filly Hoot Song. She won both her divisional heats, but lost the Hambletonian in the third heat race-off, thereby finishing second in the summary.
- No wagering on the race at DuQuoin until 1975.
- DuQuoin's Hambletonian Song is written and performed for the first time by Leah Hayes.

HICKORY SMOKE, b c, by Titan Hanover
Driver & Trainer: John Simpson, Sr.
Owner: Lawrence B. Sheppard and A.C. Mudge, Hanover, PA
Breeder: Bowman A. Brown, PA
Groom: Isaac "Bama" Hil
Sale History: $15,000 private purchase in September of two-year-old season.. . . .1 1 x x 1

HOOT SONG, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Two Gaits Farm . . . x x 1 1 2

BUCKEYE DEMON, by Demon Hanover
Driver: Harrison Hoyt
Owner: Battenkill Stable . . .2 2 x x ro

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:30[5]	1:01	1:32	2:02[1]
:29[2]	:59[2]	1:30[4]	2:02
:34[2]	1:03[3]	1:40[1]	2:08[4]

SECTION MAN, by Star's Pride
Driver: John Simpson, Sr.
Owner: ABCFreight . . . x x 2 2 ro

CASSIN HANOVER
Driver: Fred Egan
Owner: Charlotte Sheppard. . . 3 3 x x ro

Also competed: Speedster 3-3, Glory Hanover 7-4, Mudge Hanover 4-7, Royal Rodney 4-9, Lord Chuck 11-4, Bond Hanover 5-5, Silver Way 10-5, Marmion Hanover 5-10, Abel Hanover 6-6, Storm Cloud 6-7, Flicka Frost 10-6, Philip Frost 7-8, Major Newport 8-8, Dolph Hanover 8-11, Cindy Gal 9-9, Monty Hanover 9-10.

1956

Good Time Park, Goshen, NY • August 8, 1956 • Purse $98,591.91

The Intruder: Bower Wins His Hambletonian Debut

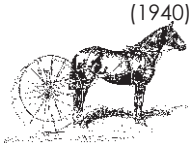
The Intruder, owned by the Allwood Stable of Far Hills, New Jersey, captured the 31st Hambletonian, and the final one at Goshen's Good Time Park. In an exciting three heat duel, driver/trainer Ned Bower became the second youngest man to win the big race in his first Hambletonian appearance.

Bower, just shy of 33, swept the final two heats after finishing seventh in the first heat, which was won by Valiant Rodney. In the initial heat, The Intruder had second tier 11 post and was forced into a break when Dial Tone, on the rail, made a break. Meanwhile, Valiant Rodney stormed through the stretch to beat Moray, who made a break at the wire. Moray was later placed fourth.

In the next heat, favored Egyptian Princess, given some sharp handling by Earle Avery, reached the lead and cut fractions until the three-quarter mark. The Intruder was ninth at the quarter, tenth at the half, and 15th at the three-quarter mark. But he rallied to win the heat by a half a length.

In the final, Egyptian Princess again cut the mile while The Intruder remained off the pace, seventh at the half and three-quarters. But Bower got his charge rolling shortly thereafter and won going away by three-quarters of a length.

The Intruder was the fifth performer by the stallion Scotland to win the famed classic, joining Rosalind (1936), Spencer Scott (1940), The Ambassador (1942) and Hoot Mon (1947).



- After the death of Mr. Cane in 1955, his widow and the management of Yonkers Raceway, which would eventually purchase Good Time Park, hosted the Hambletonian one last time at Goshen.
- An unraced two-year-old, The Intruder won only two of seven starts at three (both overnight races, the fastest in 2:07 on a half-mile track) before the Hambletonian. Owner Leonard Buck was persuaded to enter his horse at the last minute by racing writers Elizabeth Rorty and Frances Wallace after the colt worked two miles with fast last halves (58 seconds) – perfect for the bulky 20 horse field.
- A Hambletonian that produced several longshot winners, Mrs. David R. Johnston's Valiant Rodney won the first heat and paid $60.30 for $2.00. The Intruder was eleventh. The Intruder won the next two heats, paying $26.80 and $10.90 respectively. He was the highest priced winner ever in a final heat.
- The favorite in all three heats was Clearview Stable's Egyptian Princess (14-2-4), owned by Norman Woolworth, and his brother Fred. Woolworth continued his ownership of top quality stakes winners through an amazing five decades. He did have to wait 17 years to win the Hambletonian — with another filly, Duenna (1983). Woolworth and the Johnstons eventually became partners in Stoner Creek Stud.
- The Intruder was the eighth Hambletonian winner bred by Walnut Hall Farm, a record at the time. He was also the 14th sired by a Walnut Hall stallion, also a record at the time.
- He was the last of five winners by Scotland who was 26 at the time of the mating.
- Ego Hanover, who was pacing at the finish of the final heat, went unnoticed by the judges. Fifth in the summary overall, the incident did not affect Ego Hanover since only four monies were paid that year.

THE INTRUDER, br c, by Scotland—Mighty Margaret, by Volomite
Driver & Trainer: Ned F. Bower
Owner: Allwood Stable (Mr. & Mrs. Leonard J. Buck), Far Hills, NJ
Breeder: Walnut Hall Farm (Mr. & Mrs. H. Willis Nichols), KY
Groom: Freddie White
Sale History: $35,000 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Sale, Lexington, KY . . . 11 1 1

VALIANT RODNEY, by Rodney—The Colonel's Lady, by Scotland
Driver: Dana H. Cameron
Owner: Mrs. David Johnston. . . 1 3 3

NIMBLE COLBY, by Colby Hanover —- Rilda Mite, by Volomite
Driver: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Two Gaits Hanover . . . 2 4 8

EGYPTIAN PRINCESS, by Victory Song — Egyptian Abbey, by Guy Abbey
Driver: Earl Avery
Owner: Clearview Stable . . . 14 2 4

Also competed: Ego Hanover 5-5-2, Saboteur 3-5-7, Moray 4-14-13, Bold Rodney 20-9-5, Lullwater Victory 9-7-6, Torrence Hanover 6-11-10, Hugo Hanover 7-8-12, Go 8-16-11, Magnus Hanover 17-10-9, Specialty 10-13-15, H. K. MacPherson 19-12-14, Hoot Dolmont 12-19-17, Demon Always 13-15-14, Darn Gay 15-20-19, Newport Del 16-18-16, Dial Tone 18-17-dr.

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