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Ohio-bred BIG RANGER is the Hambletonian favorite as he tackles APEX and ENDURANCE

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POST-HORSE	DRIVER	M/L
1-Minoan	T.McCarthy	25-1
2-It Could Be Worse	S.Zeron	8-1
3-Apex	D.Dunn	5-2
4-Big Ranger	T.Tetrick	2-1
5-Captain Naughty	B.Beckwith	15-1
6-AI	R.Wrenn Jr	12-1
7-Endurance	A.McCarthy	5-1
8-Magic Punk	Y.Gingras	15-1
9-Spencer Hanover	J.Bartlett	20-1
10-American Power	J.MacDonald	10-1
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Big three clash in Hambo 101



EDITOR'S EYE

By Derick Giwner

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The most anticipated race on the United States standardbred calendar is the Grade 1 Hambletonian. While the hype is always at a fever pitch, the storylines for the 101st edition of America's Trotting Classic are busting at the seams following last week's elimination races.

Big Ranger, who burst on the national scene with an electric four-length elimination round romp, seeks to become the first-ever foal of a standing Ohio stallion to win the Hambletonian while Apex and Endurance were incredibly raised and sold by Hunterton Farm for \$525,000 and \$14,000, respectively, proving that potential champions aren't tied to sales price.

For Big Ranger, the 2-1 morning-line favorite from post four in Saturday's Hambletonian, not even stallion manager Kevin Greenfield, who originally purchased 75% of his sire In Range back in late fall of 2021, could have predicted such Grand Circuit success for his foals.

"I had no doubt that [In Range] would make an impact in Ohio but I am surprised by his national-level success because who expects it to happen outside of when you stand the very top horses that have all the credentials," said Greenfield, who added that the best may be yet to come from In Range. "The people that supported him from the start were mostly Ohio people with their own mares. The first three years were expected to be pretty modest. This year he bred a tremendous crop of mares. The future is really good and astute breeders know he is a sire now."

Big Ranger posted a perfect 7-for-7 season as a 2-year-old in Ohio under the care of trainer/driver

Ronnie Gillespie, who handled the horse for his first four starts of 2026 before owner Madison Global moved him to Anette Lorentzon's barn. Since that time the Spring Haven Farm-bred colt has gone on to not only break the Scioto Downs track record with a 1:50 3/5 win on June 13 but also equal the Hambletonian stakes mark (1:50) set by Nordic Catcher S in last year's final. Perhaps scarier still from the perspective of Saturday's foes are the words from driver Tim Tetrick.

"He did everything I asked; push-button. He has big lungs and he was never even close to being tired," said Tetrick about the elimination effort where he never even pulled the horse's ear plugs. "He set the track record at Scioto and he's the fastest trotter in that state. And the way he did it was so easy. Like if I wanted him to, he'd have gone in [1:] 48 that night."



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Big Ranger led by second trainer Anna Lorentzon, driver Tim Tetrick and trainer Anette Lorentzon.

At this point the praise for Big Ranger is becoming universal. Even rival trainer Chris Beaver (Endurance) is drawing parallels with a great trotter from the past.

"When I watch him go, he reminds me of Muscle Hill. I don't know that he's a horse that can be raced a lot of different ways, but he's definitely got the go to him," said Beaver.

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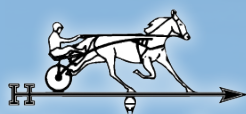
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As confident as Tetrack is in Big Ranger's raw ability, he is very much aware that winning the Hambletonian is far from an easy accomplishment. Despite being part of the field since 2007, the driver has only one win in 2012 with Market Share. Four times he has settled for second (2008 Crazy; 2013 Smilin Eli; 2021 Spy Booth; 2023 Oh Well).

"It's going to be a tough race and I'm going to have to have a lot of luck. I've been in a lot of these Hambletonians and only won one. It's a very, very tough race to win," said Tetrack.

As evident as Big Ranger's pure speed is, he will need his best to deal with the sheer determination of his new rivals Apex and Endurance. They hooked up in a separate elimination and each put in a huge effort. Endurance never saw the pylons starting from the outside post nine and eventually gained cover from Apex, who was forced to take air while first-over for the final half mile. In the end only a nose separated them at the finish in a 1:50 4/5 clocking.

Being together is nothing new for Apex and Endurance. They were born four days apart at Steve and Cindy Stewart's Hunteton Farm. They grew up together, spent time in the fields of the Kentucky farm together and were even sold at the Harrisburg sale on the same day in 2024.

"They are like two peas in the pod since birth," said Steve Stewart. "This is probably the first time it has happened [two foals raised together racing in the final] in the history of the Hambletonian."

It is a remarkable accomplishment for Hunterton, which could pick up its fourth Hambletonian champion as breeder with a victory. For the Stewarts, it is all about what happens on the track, not the sale.

"Everybody always talks about having a great sale and sure it is important to pay the bills, but the racetrack is our ultimate determiner of how we are doing. These horses are our kids," said Steve Stewart.

Thus far Apex has gotten the best of Endurance in two meetings for owners Jeff Snyder, S R F Stable and Steve Stewart. The Dan Patch Award winner as 2025's top 2-year-old male trotter entered this season as the Hambletonian Winterbook favorite, and despite offering 5-2 odds as the second choice in Saturday's contest from post three, he's done little to tarnish his reputation. The royally bred son of Walner and Mission Brief



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Dexter Dunn drives Apex from post three in the Hambletonian and Setyoursightshigh from post four in the Oaks, both for trainer Marcus Melander.

has lived up to his breeding and \$525,000 price tag as a yearling, winning nine of 13 career starts and three of four this year.

Regular driver Dexter Dunn is seeking his first Hambletonian behind Apex and was thrilled with his elimination effort. "It was a big mile for him. I was only in for an eighth [of a mile]. He fought off Endurance and it's been three weeks since his last run. He's going to step up further," said Dunn, who also commented on the lack of early speed the colt has displayed. "He really can do whatever you want with him. Apex has never done anything in his career to say I wouldn't have 100% confidence in him during the mile no matter what I did with him."

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Also seeking his first Hambletonian victory is trainer Marcus Melander, and not only does he have Apex but also American Power (post 10, 10-1) and Spencer Hanover (post nine, 20-1) in the field. Could 2026 be his time after finishing second in three of the last four Hambletonians?

"Most people don't even get to the Hambletonian eliminations, and if they get to the final a lot of people are just happy to be in it, and I am too. Of course it sucks to be second, so you're the first loser, right? But I'm proud of my horses who have finished second," said Melander. "Of course you want to win but you don't look back. I just look forward."

The 34-year-old trainer who also has three horses in the \$500,000 Grade 1 Hambletonian Oaks on Saturday, said he would pull the hind shoes on Spencer Hanover and all four shoes on American Power in an effort to improve them for the final. Apex, however, is the top dog of the group and Melander is hoping he's checked all the boxes.

"We had a three-week break between the Dancer and the [Hambletonian] elimination. I think this race will move him forward a lot," said Melander.

Getting back to Endurance, the \$14,000 Harrisburg purchase has produced an exponential return on investment for Super Endurance Stable, Bill Manes, Leo Fleming and Mark Moger. The son of Captain Corey has earned \$873,842 already in just 14 career starts and according to trainer Chris Beaver, had a legitimate excuse – minor hoof injury that occurred the Monday before the race – for falling a neck shy in his elimination.

"He was sore for a few days. He was better the last couple days, but it was in his mind, you know, he was thinking about it. Typically it wouldn't bother him even a couple days later, but he's a smart horse. He takes care of himself and he was aware of it," said Beaver, who made sure driver Andrew McCarthy was cognizant of the situation. "I don't think he pushed him as hard as he could, knowing that. But you know, I was super thrilled. This is the first time he's really jumped up to that level and showed what he can do, parked every step of the mile."

Beaver feels Endurance will be 100% for the Hambletonian final when he leaves from post seven as the 5-1 third choice on the early line. While

the trainer has been here before with Il Sogno Dream (4th in 2014) and Triumphant Caviar (8th in 2009), he knows this opportunity is not like the others.

"I don't get an opportunity like this too often. I've raced here before, but not with a horse that's got a super-legit shot," said Beaver. "If you ask me my number one bucket list item, as a trotting trainer winning [the Hambletonian] is the highest thing on my list."

Beyond the top three Hambletonian contenders and the two previously mentioned Melander trainees there are still five other horses with designs for getting at least a nice chunk of the \$1,000,000 purse. Included in that group is It Could Be Worse, second behind Big Ranger after getting trapped along the cones until the stretch.

"He's got great tactical speed. We used it, sat third and shook loose very, very late," said Scott Zeron, who picked up the drive from Tim Tetrick. "At least eight out of the 10 could trot in [1:50] on any given day, so we're going to see who's the grittiest, and I like my horse."

It Could Be Worse starts from post two for trainer Linda Toscano, who is seeking her second Hambletonian (2012, Market Share).

"We've had our hopes for this race since day one. You only get one shot at it so that's what he's been prepped for. I never wanted to leave the Meadowlands and I planned the exact schedule he's been on," said Toscano at the post position press conference.

Magic Punk finished just inches behind It Could Be Worse in their elimination with Yannick Gingras driving for trainer Ake Svanstedt. The son of Wishing Stone has good tactical speed to use from post eight but his trainer is very realistic about his win chances.

"[Magic Punk is] not good enough to beat the good horses here, but we can hope for a check," said multi-time Hambletonian

winner Svanstedt, who praised Big Ranger. "He is an impressive horse. I think he is the one who looks best."

Others in the field include Minoan (post one), Captain Naughty (post five) and AI (post six).

The Hambletonian (race 11) is the marquee event on a stacked program with nine graded stakes that begins at noon on Saturday. It is scheduled to go to post at 4:51 PM.

Other highlights are the \$500,000 Grade 1 Hambletonian Oaks (Race 9) and a string of guaranteed wagers: \$125,000 Pick 4 (Races 8-11), \$100,000 Pick 4 (Races 11-14), \$75,000 Pick 5 (Races 3-7) and \$50,000 Pick 6 (Races 1-6).



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Endurance and trainer Chris Beaver.

Hambletonian Day Schedule & Wagering Menu

OFF TIME	RACE #	PURSE	CONDITIONS	WAGERING MENU
12:02	1	\$30,000	Continentalvictory - 3YO Filly Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Double, \$50K GTD Pick 6
12:25	2	\$180,000	NJ Sire Stakes - 2YO C&G Trot Final	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Pick 3
12:50	3	\$310,750	Cane Pace - 3YO Open Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$75K GTD Pick 5
1:21	4	\$50,000	Muscle Hill - 3YO C&G Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Pick 4
1:44	5	\$40,000	Open Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Pick 3
2:08	6	\$225,000	NJ Sire Stakes - 2YO Filly Trot Final	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Survivor 7
2:34	7	\$61,800	Vincennes Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Hi-5, Pick 311
3:04	8	\$281,200	John Cashman Mem. - FFA Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$125K GTD Pick 4
3:36	9	\$500,000	Hambletonian Oaks Final - 3YO Filly Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$3 Pick 3
4:08	10	\$183,650	Dr. John R. Steele Mem. - Mare Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Hi-5, Pick 3
4:51	11	\$1,000,000	Hambletonian Final - 3YO Open Trot	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$100K GTD Pick 4
5:34	12	\$138,650	Sam McKee Mem. - FFA Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Pick 5
5:58	13	\$139,900	Sam McKee Mem. - FFA Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Hi-5, Pick 4
6:24	14	\$156,500	Lady Liberty - FFA Mare Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$3 Pick 3
6:48	15	\$123,200	Shady Daisy - 3YO Filly Pace	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, \$5 Double
7:12	16	\$22,500	NW15000L5	WPS, EX, TRI, Super, Hi-5



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Takter seeks more Hambo Day hardware in \$500K Oaks final

By Jay Bergman

Trainer Nancy Takter has enjoyed incredible success on Hambletonian Days, notably going back-to-back in 2023-24 with Tactical Approach and Karl capturing the sport's biggest prize. On Saturday, without a horse in this year's Hambletonian, Takter will send out a pair in the \$500,000 Grade 1 Hambletonian Oaks for sophomore fillies at The Meadowlands.

Neither Leading Lady or Madam Cheval was victorious in last week's three elimination races and thus had to face an open draw this past Tuesday (August 4). Leading Lady came away with a decent spot while Madam Cheval wasn't as fortunate, landing post 10 in the field that goes as race nine of 16 on the Hambletonian Day afternoon program.

"It's not that bad," said Takter when asked about the luck of the draw. "I think seven is a good spot for Leading Lady."

"I've won the Hambo from post 10," added Takter, pointing to Tactical Approach in 2023. "And I won the Oaks from post seven."

Sorella went wire-to-wire for Takter in the 2020 edition of the Hambletonian Oaks from the seven-hole.

Perhaps the draw was lucky for Takter in that the Oaks has been won from post 10 twice in the last five years and driver Tim Tetrick has been aboard on both occasions, winning first in 2021 with Fashion Schooner from the far outside position on the starting gate and then again in 2023 with longshot Heaven Hanover sweeping the field in the stretch.

Whether history will be on Takter's side on Saturday remains to be seen, but placing two in the final is a good first step.

"I thought Leading Lady's performance in the elimination was incredible," said Takter in reviewing the Walner-sired filly's extreme rally following an early miscue.

Driver Matt Kakaley was able to get the filly back on stride heading into the first quarter and reach the pack before they turned into the backstretch.

"She came a last quarter in 25 2/5 and some of my pacing horses can't go that fast," said Takter in reverence to the second-place finish.

Leading Lady raced without shoes in her Oaks elimination and will again go into the final barefooted. "We also raced her without shoes in the Zweig and she shot out of the gate quickly there," said Takter, confirming that the lack of shoes likely had nothing to do with her misstep in the trials.

A winner just one time in eight starts this year, Leading Lady has been good but not great.

"I think in a lot of the races the trips just didn't work out for her," said Takter. "In a lot of the races this year there has been absolutely no early pace."

Takter is hoping that the large competitive field will be more assertive in the final than in any of the three eliminations last week and give her fillies an opportunity in the stretch.

Madam Cheval looked to be in good position to win her elimination last week but didn't fire as expected when Tetrick pulled her to challenge pacesetter Lainey W in the homestretch. Tetrick's move to the outside left room along the inside for Carve and Andrew McCarthy to post the mild upset.

"We're going to go with a pull-down bridle for her in the final," said

Takter, noting the equipment change that will hopefully have the Walner-sired filly more engaged in the homestretch.

Madam Cheval is a daughter of the Jimmy Takter-trained Shake It Cerry, a \$2.7 million winner during her lengthy career. As a sophomore, Shake It Cerry finished fourth in her Hambletonian Oaks. Since becoming a broodmare, Madam Cheval will be Shake It Cerry's second daughter to reach the Oaks final, with half-sister Mon Cheval a 2022 finalist.

Trainer Marcus Melander will be looking for his second Oaks trophy and sends out a trio of fillies, with elimination winner Setyoursightshigh landing post four while a pair of runner-ups, Nezuko Kamado S (post 2) and Lainey W (5), drew well.

"She got a little lonely late, but I never pulled the plugs," said driver Dexter Dunn describing the victory of Setyoursightshigh by a neck in 1:53 1/5, the slowest of the three elimination divisions.

Nezuko Kamado S trotted to a 1:50 1/5 season's best clocking in the Del Miller but was conservatively handled by Scott Zeron in her Oaks trial on August 1.

"When two horses made breaks the first two steps out of there it changed the whole dynamic for me," said Zeron, explaining why he backed off in the early stages and played the waiting game while a moderate 57-second first half was being dictated.

Zeron's decision left Nezuko Kamado S with a ton of ground to make up in the stretch and despite an individual 26-flat final quarter she arrived a neck behind Busy Miss Lissy S, the Ake Svanstedt-driven filly that converted on a pocket trip.

"I don't think anyone saw that coming from Busy Miss Lissy," said Zeron following last week's elimination.

Svanstedt wasn't as surprised as Zeron following Busy Miss Lissy's victory in a career-best 1:51 4/5 clocking. "She was good last time also but just too far back," said Svanstedt of the fourth-place finish in the Zweig at Vernon on July 19. "She's trained good and has been getting better and better in every race."

The combination of top driver Jason Bartlett along with the sport's second-leading trainer Per Engblom automatically makes Custom (post 3) a

contender. A daughter of Walner, Custom has won half of her six starts as a sophomore including a Reynolds division at The Meadowlands on July 4 in a career-best 1:52 1/5 clocking. Custom hung in bravely finishing third in her elimination.

Carve, the fastest elimination winner by virtue of her 1:51 1/5 mile with Andrew McCarthy skimming the pylons late, drew post six but that's not likely to be a major obstacle for the daughter of Captain Corey since she is blessed with plenty of early speed. Noel Daley trains Carve.

Storybook Love, the 2025 Breeders Crown champion as a freshman, was the richest fourth-place finisher and thus earned a ticket to the final. The Matthew Bax-trained filly landed post eight with Todd Ratchford getting his first Oaks drive. Storybook Love earned nearly \$500K as a freshman but heading into Saturday's contest has yet to win in eight starts as a 3-year-old.

Fratina Diablo S is one of three Swedish-breds in the final. The Tony Alagna-trained daughter of Captain Corey has finished on the board in all seven of her starts this year, including a pair of Pennsylvania Sire Stakes victories and a solid second behind the speedy Jailbird Jog in the Tompkins Geers stake at The Meadowlands on July 25.

The Hambletonian Oaks is scheduled to commence at 3:36 PM (EDT) while the stakes-filled Meadowlands program starts at noon on Saturday.



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Leading Lady charged home to be second in her elimination despite making a break early in the mile.



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Race 4
\$50,000
Muscle Hill

Race 5
\$40,000 Open
Pace

Race 6
\$225,000 NJSS
2YO Filly Final

\$50K GTD PICK 6

\$75K GTD PICK 5



(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL was an upset winner on this day last year.
(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA
(8) I TAKE THE CAKE

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT is unlikely to go wrong; looks strong.
(1) PRESIDENTE
(5) LIFETIME DREAMER

(2) BRANDON BLVD has ascended to King of this division.
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
(4) SWEET LOVIN LOU

(2) NIX NACKEN has no Big Ranger to deal with this week.
(7) DOLLAR DRAFT
(5) ARDONNE

(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A gets the nod in a wide-open race
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE
(8) NEVERSTOP-DREAMIN N

(7) WALL OF FAME just wins no matter what trip he gets.
(3) NEVIS PEAK
(8) GRANDIFLORA



(5) NUANCE looked like a new horse in qualifying mile.
(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL
(2) GREEN MAZTAKE

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT has looked sharp thus far and faces a short group.
(5) LIFETIME DREAMER
(1) PRESIDENTE

(2) BRANDON BLVD is the sharpest of this select group.
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB

(4) KINGMEN figures to be forwardly placed at a price.
(2) NIX NACKEN
(6) INEXPRESSABLE

(8) NEVERSTOP-DREAMIN N finally gets unleashed after long wait.
(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A
(2) SMOOTH DREAM

(7) WALL OF FAME has been relentless with an incredible burst of speed.
(4) DANDELION WINE
(3) NEVIS PEAK



(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA finds a softer group while in terrific form.
(5) NUANCE
(2) GREEN MAZTAKE

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT just has to stay smooth. Has a wicked sprint.
(1) PRESIDENTE
(2) FREE SCOTTIE

(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB appears poised for a trip in this small field.
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
(2) BRANDON BLVD

(2) NIX NACKEN should have an easier time controlling this group.
(6) INEXPRESSABLE
(8) JIM BEAM

(7) BEST CHIP is capable of big speed. If he goes, it's over.
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE
(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A

(7) WALL OF FAME hasn't shown her bottom yet. Not sure where it is.
(4) DANDELION WINE
(3) NEVIS PEAK



(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL was victim of pace last time.
(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA
(2) GREEN MAZTAKE

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT won first-over last time.
(2) LIFETIME DREAMER
(1) PRESIDENTE

(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB could steal this race against short field.
(2) BRANDON BLVD
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA

(2) NIX NACKEN won't go on useless uncovered mission here.
(3) FALSE DOGMA
(6) INEXPRESSABLE

(7) BEST CHIP is the second-fastest horse of 2026; down the road.
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE
(4) GO GO GRASSHOPPER

(3) NEVIS PEAK could be value versus faster foe on paper.
(7) WALL OF FAME
(9) DEJEUNER



(5) NUANCE retains Todd McCarthy; lowered mark in Aug. 1 M1 qualifier.
(2) GREEN MAZTAKE
(6) SHARP SEVEN

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT was victim of tough post/overland trip in only defeat.
(1) PRESIDENTE
(5) LIFETIME DREAMER

(2) BRANDON BLVD loves Meadowslands; never better.
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB

(3) FALSE DOGMA debuts for Gingras; class hike after eye-catching Pocono victories.
(2) NIX NACKEN
(8) JIM BEAM

(7) BEST CHIP prevailed gamely in Yonkers Open Tuesday; 6/11 for trainer Bongiorno.
(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE

(7) WALL OF FAME hunted down Dandelion Wine in 26 flat July 31; undefeated
(3) NEVIS PEAK
(8) GRANDIFLORA



(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL has the best kick of these if close enough.
(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA
(6) SHARP SEVEN

(1) PRESIDENTE looms Fav after big scratch; should make an early move.
(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT
(5) LIFETIME DREAMER

(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA gets back to big track looking to reassert dominance.
(2) BRANDON BLVD
(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB

(6) INEXPRESSABLE drops after aggressive Hambo try; gets a trip now?
(2) NIX NACKEN
(5) ARDONNE

(8) NEVERSTOPDREAMIN N likely needed last and produced 25 2/5 kick.
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE
(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A

(7) WALL OF FAME has been perfect so far; looks very talented.
(3) NEVIS PEAK
(4) DANDELION WINE



(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA missed the Oaks final but finds a winnable spot.
(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL
(5) NUANCE

(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT sparkled in his last two efforts.
(1) PRESIDENTE
(5) LIFETIME DREAMER

(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB is sharp and will offer value.
(2) BRANDON BLVD
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA

(2) NIX NACKEN can wire this field with post relief
(6) INEXPRESSABLE
(4) KINGMEN

(7) BEST CHIP goes down the road in Big M return.
(4) GO GO GRASSHOPPER
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE

(3) NEVIS PEAK has been brilliant in both her starts.
(7) WALL OF FAME
(8) GRANDIFLORA



(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA was 5/2 in Oaks elim; small consolation here.
(6) SHARP SEVEN
(2) GREEN MAZTAKE

(5) LIFETIME DREAMER is 1 for 3; that one time Yannick drove.
(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT
(1) PRESIDENTE

(2) BRANDON BLVD was the Pace winner and digs in when it counts.
(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA
(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB

(2) NIX NACKEN disappointed in Hambo elim after tough trip; can make amends here.
(6) INEXPRESSABLE
(4) KINGMEN

(7) BEST CHIP just won in 1:50 2/5 at Yonkers; razor sharp
(6) FIFTH AND FIVE
(5) CAPTINHAMMERHEAD A

(3) NEVIS PEAK is 2 for 2 for Burke with tactical edge on undefeated rival.
(7) WALL OF FAME
(8) GRANDIFLORA



(4) SOUTHWIND CHASKA sports two recent starts that would make her very tough here.
(7) EMMAS MYSTERY CCL
(6) SHARP SEVEN

(5) LIFETIME DREAM can take advantage of this short field with her speed.
(3) WRONG SOUNDS RIGHT
(1) PRESIDENTE

(5) ODDS ON MR MAMBA should blast, yield to Brandon and chase him down.
(2) BRANDON BLVD
(3) GENTLEMAN'S CLUB

(2) NIX NACKEN had a tough trip in the Hambo and can rebound.
(6) INEXPRESSABLE
(7) DOLLAR DRAFT

(6) FIFTH AND FIVE was excellent last out and fits with this group.
(7) BEST CHIP
(8) NEVERSTOP-DREAMIN N

(8) GRANDIFLORA chased home a tripped out winner last out and can turn the tables.
(3) NEVIS PEAK
(7) WALL OF FAME

HAMBLETONIAN DAY HANDICAPPING

Race 7 \$61,800 Vincennes Trot



(9) NORDIC CATCHER S wins every year on this day.
(6) PRIVATE ACCESS
(8) ANTOGNONI S

Race 8 \$281,200 John Cashman Memorial

\$125K GTD PICK 4

(6) LEXUS KODY just keeps rolling along in peak form.
(1) SUPER CHAPTER
(9) HILLEXOTIC

Race 9 \$500,000 Hambo Oaks

\$3 PICK 3

(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S out tripped in her elimination.
(1) BUSY MISS LISSY S
(6) CARVE

Race 10 \$183,650 John R Steele Memorial

(1) LASTING DREAM trotted a 52 4/5 back half in the Ms Versatility.
(5) YO TILLIE
(6) BRAVO ANGEL S

Race 11 \$1,000,000 Hambletonian

\$100K GTD PICK 4

(4) BIG RANGER got hooked big time in elim and still crushed.
(7) ENDURANCE
(3) APEX

Race 12 \$138,650 Sam McKee Memorial

(3) ERVIN HANOVER doesn't get beat when he is on his game.
(5) KEN HANOVER
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC



(9) NORDIC CATCHER S is worth a flyer on the anniversary of his greatest day.
(8) ANTOGNONI S
(4) MR MOUTON

(7) UP YOUR DEO has been sharpening and is primed for the upset.
(5) FRENCH WINE
(6) LEXUS KODY

(4) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH has found winning form and a perfect spot.
(10) MADAM CHEVAL
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(7) R DUTCHESS has raced well with no luck; should be flying late
(4) WALSPEA
(11) WARRAWEE MICHELLE

(4) BIG RANGER faces his biggest test but should be more than up to it.
(5) CAPTAIN NAUGHTY
(3) APEX

(9) LOU HILL has come of age for Engblom and can overcome the draw.
(6) OAKWOOD ARDAN IR
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC



(8) ANTOGNONI S may turn the Vincennes into another Burke showcase.
(2) BOURBONISTA S
(6) PRIVATE ACCESS

(1) SUPER CHAPTER is primed to tackle older company.
(6) LEXUS KODY
(7) UP YOUR DEO

(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S has so many paths to win. Could be her race.
(6) CARVE
(10) MADAM CHEVAL

(7) R DUTCHESS caught the eye in her prep. Could rip off a trip.
(5) YO TILLIE
(4) WALSPEA

(7) ENDURANCE could have the most heart in this field.
(3) APEX
(4) BIG RANGER

(6) OAKWOOD ARDAN IR can capitalize on a pace meltdown here.
(3) ERVIN HANOVER
(5) KEN HANOVER



(2) BOURBONISTA S has been so good she can handle the boys.
(9) NORDIC CATCHER S
(8) ANTOGNONI S

(6) LEXUS KODY has proven he is still the King of this division.
(1) SUPER CHAPTER
(7) UP YOUR DEO

(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S has a narrow edge on these at the moment.
(6) CARVE
(7) LEADING LADY

(2) TACTICAL MONI is in a new barn and likely racing without shoes.
(4) WALSPEA
(5) YO TILLIE

(4) BIG RANGER can't lose if he repeats his elimination effort.
(7) ENDURANCE
(3) APEX

(5) KEN HANOVER has a great post to work out the winning trip.
(9) LOU HILL
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC



(1) KILIMANJARO FACE DK: beaten fave makes first start Lasix; significant back class.
(9) NORDIC CATCHER S
(8) ANTOGNONI S

(1) SUPER CHAPTER won't miss nemesis On To Norway; otherwise perfect this year.
(6) LEXUS KODY
(2) AETOS KRONOS S

(6) CARVE closed in field's-fastest 26 1/5 to win Oaks elim.
(4) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(4) WALSPEA ran out of racetrack with Smedshammer in the sulky Saturday.
(5) YO TILLIE
(6) BRAVO ANGEL S

(7) ENDURANCE finds post relief; just missed in elim; could offer value.
(4) BIG RANGER
(2) IT COULD BE WORSE

(5) KEN HANOVER: 2025 McKee Memorial champ looks like Tetricks's choice over Fallout.
(3) ERVIN HANOVER
(9) LOU HILL



(9) NORDIC CATCHER S: Hambo Champ won off bench; needs all his class here.
(8) ANTOGNONI S
(4) MR MOUTON

(6) LEXUS KODY is sharp again and too fast for these.
(1) SUPER CHAPTER
(2) AETOS KRONOS S

(1) BUSY MISS LISSY S: loved her Elim win; Ake gets them ready for the big ones.
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S
(7) LEADING LADY

(1) LASTING DREAM needed last from tough draw; won on this day last year.
(4) WALSPEA
(5) YO TILLIE

(7) ENDURANCE will be best price of the big three; could benefit from an early duel.
(3) APEX
(2) IT COULD BE WORSE

(9) LOU HILL is very sharp right now; post will help price.
(3) ERVIN HANOVER
(5) KEN HANOVER



(4) MR MOUTON adds Wrenn Jr. and has post edge.
(8) ANTOGNONI S
(9) NORDIC CATCHER S

(1) SUPER CHAPTER makes amends for recent tough beats.
(6) LEXUS KODY
(7) UP YOUR DEO

(6) CARVE has gate speed & can finish sharply, too.
(1) BUSY MISS LISSY S
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(7) R DUTCHESS was flying in the lane last Saturday.
(4) WALSPEA
(3) WOMAN OF PASSION

(4) BIG RANGER cements his superstar status.
(7) ENDURANCE
(3) APEX

(9) LOU HILL drew badly but has speed/driver to overcome.
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC
(3) KEN HANOVER



(9) NORDIC CATCHER S: Hambo winner off a year? 9 hole? No problem! I'll stab.
(8) ANTOGNONI S
(2) BOURBONISTA S

(6) LEXUS KODY is on "trot" for another award-winning season.
(1) SUPER CHAPTER
(4) CHAPERCRAZ

(7) LEADING LADY made a recovery in elim not often seen; has speed.
(1) BUSY MISS LISSY S
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(1) LASTING DREAM hails from connections with competitive stock on these days; why not.
(5) YO TILLIE
(11) WARRAWEE MICHELLE

(7) ENDURANCE is a \$14K yearling with a legit chance in the biggest trotting race.
(3) APEX
(4) BIG RANGER

(3) ERVIN HANOVER: Here's your chance to get a price after Haughton debacle.
(9) LOU HILL
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC



(8) ANTOGNONI S would have been a factor in the Cashman if he were nominated.
(4) MR MOUTON
(9) NORDIC CATCHER S

(1) SUPER CHAPTER qualified like the monster he is and is the one to beat.
(7) UP YOUR DEO
(6) LEXUS KODY

(7) LEADING LADY: hard to believe she doesn't dominate her elim if not for the break.
(3) CUSTOM
(2) NEZUKO KAMADO S

(5) YO TILLIE was better with Lasix. When right she is best here.
(11) WARRAWEE MICHELLE
(6) BRAVO ANGEL S

(4) BIG RANGER looks like an absolute freak that I cannot pick against.
(7) ENDURANCE
(3) APEX

(3) ERVIN HANOVER gets the nod in a fantastic betting race.
(4) CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC
(9) LOU HILL

HAMBLETONIAN DAY HANDICAPPING

Race 13
\$139,900
Sam McKee
Memorial

Race 14
\$156,500
Lady Liberty

Race 15
\$123,200
Shady Daisy

Race 16
Non-winners
\$15,000 in last 5



GARNET BARNSDALE

(1) SWINGTOWN might get the best trip this time; price play.
(3) BYTHEMISSAL
(8) CAPTAIN ALBANO

\$3 PICK 3

(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH is back at the top of her game now.
(2) MIKI AND MINNIE
(1) LOUIES GIRL N

\$5 DOUBLE

(5) BE PERFECT BG is the boss when Loua Dipa isn't around.
(7) SANGRIA SUMMER
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL

(7) EFFINGHAM bombs away to end the day.
(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP
(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A

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Races 8-11

6 / 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 / 1,2,5,6,7 / 4

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JAY BERGMAN

(5) MAXIMUS MIKI has the early speed to work out a trip.
(2) COACHES CORNER
(9) FOR ONCE INMY LIFE

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE has a position edge on her key rivals.
(4) UNREASONABLE
(7) TWIN BE JOE FRESH

(5) BE PERFECT BG is an extraordinary filly that should dominate in here.
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL
(4) SUNNY STATION

(10) DOWNBYTHEWATER should be better the second trip over the miler.
(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP
(4) BETTING ON CAESAR

5,6,7 / 4,10 / 4,7,11 / 4

Cost = \$9



RAY COTOLO

(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER has to try and roll here. His time to shine.
(1) SWINGTOWN
(9) FOR ONCE INMY LIFE

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE may get first jump in the stretch because of the draw.
(4) UNREASONABLE
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH

(5) BE PERFECT BG has only succumbed to Loua Dipa. No Loua Dipa here.
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL
(3) CAR KEYS

(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A has a class edge and enters on an upward swing.
(7) EFFINGHAM
(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP

1,6,7 / 2 / 4,6,7,10,11 / 7

Cost = \$7.50



DERICK GIVNER

(5) MAXMUS MIKI finally got back in the win column and may be ready to awaken.
(2) COACHES CORNER
(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE draws inside her rival this time around.
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(4) UNREASONABLE

(5) BE PERFECT BG paid the supplement and will get the top check.
(7) SANGRIA SUMMER
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL

(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP is sharp enough to handle older.
(8) AVANTI
(2) HANDSOME STRANGER

6 / 2,4,6,7 / 2,4,5,11 / 4,7

Cost = \$16



MELISSA KEITH

(8) CAPTAIN ALBANO tightened up with strong M1 qualifier Saturday; beaten fave in Haughton.
(3) BYTHEMISSAL
(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER

(4) UNREASONABLE has been knocking on door against these; may offer value.
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(2) MIKI AND MINNIE

(5) BE PERFECT BG: Adioo Volo winner, no Loua Dipa; nearly perfect.
(7) SANGRIA SUMMER
(1) DARLINS ANGEL

(3) ALWAYS B GIBBY has won previous 2 races with Dunn driving.
(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP
(7) EFFINGHAM

1,6 / 2,4,6 / 4,5 / 2,3,4,7

Cost = \$24



MIKE PRIBOZIE

(2) COACHES CORNER draws well after sharp YR win. Trips out at a price.
(1) SWINGTOWN
(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE looks primed after 25 1/5 kick in qualifier; she's so classy.
(4) UNREASONABLE
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH

(5) BE PERFECT BG has been perfect away from 'DIPA. Will be tough to catch.
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL
(3) CAR KEYS

(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A comes out of a fast race with a sharp kick.
(8) AVANTI
(2) HANDSOME STRANGER

6 / 1,2,3,7 / 1,4,5 / 3,7

Cost = \$12



GREG REINHART

(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER always fires at the Meadowlands.
(1) SWINGTOWN
(3) BYTHEMISSAL

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE grinds them down in the stretch.
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(4) UNREASONABLE

(5) BE PERFECT BG has only lost to Loua Dipa, who isn't here
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL
(4) SUNNY STATION

(4) BETTING ON CAESAR should improve second off a layoff
(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A
(1) APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP

1,6,7 / 1,2,4,5,6,7,10 / 7 / 4

Cost = \$10.50



MATT ROSE

(5) MAXIMUS MIKI finally picked up a win and don't forget how good he was last year.
(7) PRINCE HAL HANOVER
(2) COACHES CORNER

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE has the post edge today on her stablemate rival.
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(1) LOUIES GIRL N

(5) BE PERFECT BG's only two career losses came to Loua Dipa; she can dominate.
(7) SANGRIA SUMMER
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL

(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A has raced well recently and is overdue for a win.
(2) HANDSOME STRANGER
(3) ALWAYS B GIBBY

6 / 1,2,4,7 / 1,4,5,11 / 3,7

Cost = \$16



DARIN ZOCCALI

(8) CAPTAIN ALBANO benefits from drawing into the softer division.
(3) BYTHEMISSAL
(2) COACHES CORNER

(2) MIKI AND MINNIE needs to follow the right mare to set up her rally.
(7) TWIN B JOE FRESH
(4) UNREASONABLE

(5) BE PERFECT BG is not losing a race that doesn't include Loua Dipa.
(1) DARLIN'S ANGEL
(7) SANGRIA SUMMER

(4) BETTING ON CAESAR should improve second back off the layoff.
(9) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A
(7) EFFINGHAM

1,6,7 / 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 / 5,11 / 4

Cost = \$21



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Cool Julio could build Cuatro De Julio's stallion reputation



JAYWALKING

By Jay Bergman

BergmanJay

Winning the Hambletonian instantly elevates a horse to a higher plateau. The historic race that will have its 101st edition on Saturday is a once in a lifetime event with horses and horsemen in search of the top prize. Often the racing season that follows is quite different from this one race, but no other race will help elevate or deflate a horse's reputation as much as the Hambletonian will.

Cuatro De Julio was perhaps ready to capture the 2021 Hambletonian, but luck would not be on his side. Cast out with post 10 and driven by the young but aggressive Lucas Wallin, Cuatro De Julio went forward at the start and trotted fast enough to get the lead, making it to the first quarter in 26 seconds. Unfortunately for Cuatro De Julio's connections there would be a horse to his inside and Captain Corey and Ake Svanstedt were on a mission of their own. The outcome of the race solidified Captain Corey as a future Hanover Shoe Farms stallion. For Cuatro De Julio, getting parked through fractions of 54 and 1:22 3/5 would be enough to weaken him, but the son of Hambletonian winner Trixton would later go on to capture a Breeders Crown elimination. In the Crown final he finished fourth behind Jujubee and just a half-length short of In Range, the third-place finisher.

Captain Corey set up shop in Pennsylvania and Cuatro De Julio would return to race as a 4-year-old. In Range, a son of Bar Hopping, left for Ohio following his sophomore campaign. While the three battled on the racetrack

to determine the best of their generation, what has followed is not typical of what breeders would expect. Whether it's elitist thinking or not, the Hambletonian winner attracts the best book of mares in his first year. Horses generally sent to the Midwest start their stud careers with lower stud fees and in turn, theoretically are bred to a different quality of mares.

Despite those "disadvantages" In Range has emerged in his very first year as a horse to be reckoned with as his Ohio-breds have taken New Jersey by storm. Big Ranger and Setyoursightshigh captured Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks eliminations earning solid placement in both finals on Saturday.

Back in Ohio, the potential legacy of Cuatro De Julio is being formed on quite a different scale. Trainer Jeff Smith, an old-school conditioner with a vivid recollection of the trotting events in 2021, has tapped into the first crop of Cuatro De Julio, favoring the stallion when searching for stock at last year's yearling auctions.

"I got close to the woman (Marie Ortolan-Bar) who trained him," said Smith. "That horse went some big trips and never had a top driver."

There were only 42 registered foals from Cuatro De Julio's first breeding season, but Smith was fortunate enough to find three to his liking with the hopes of competing on the rejuvenated Ohio Sire Stakes program this year.

Of the three, there is one that's made a pronounced statement on the circuit while not yet seeing the winner's circle. Cool Julio announced himself last Thursday night at Scioto Downs with Tyler Smith – one of Jeff's two sons that are top drivers in Ohio – guiding him from well off the pace to a third-place finish in the \$55,500 Ohio State Fair. Cool Julio's effort as an also-ran was mind-numbing considering the fractions in the race and his proximity to the leaders both at the half and three-quarter stations.

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For those that didn't witness Cool Julio in the tenth race at Scioto Downs on July 30, here is a brief recap of his circumstances during the mile. Trainer Vernon Beachy's Mind On My Moni and Ronnie Wrenn Jr. had reached the front in a modest 29 2/5 opening quarter. Smith had taken Cool Julio to the back, 10 lengths behind and in ninth in the early stages. Mind On My Moni would slow the pace to 1:00 by the half and Smith was still content to be last at that point. Hall of Fame driver David Miller pushed Iluvmymoni, the 3-5 favorite, first over to contest the pace and Wrenn countered with Mind On My Moni, sprinting a 27 4/5 third quarter to maintain his lead.

Cool Julio was still seventh at the three quarters and eight and a half lengths behind the leader. That he wasn't ninth was only the result of two horses breaking stride. While the leaders were far off his radar, Cool Julio acted like a horse that truly did not know just how fast he was trotting as Smith sent him wide on the final turn and he began to close the gap. While Wrenn was far ahead and cruising a final quarter in 28 seconds to secure the victory, Smith was passing horses as if they were standing still on the final turn and through the stretch. In more than 50 years of watching 2-year-olds in action I cannot say I've ever witnessed before what Cool Julio did. The chart shows him finishing third just a length and three quarters behind the winner, with Cool Julio trotting an astounding final fraction in 26 4/5. While that number may no longer be shocking in today's sport, Cool Julio was also racing wide through a final turn that encompasses a significant part of that final quarter mile.



DERICK GIWNER

Cuatro De Julio with Lucas Wallin back in 2021.

"He wasn't done," Smith noted when asked about the finish. "From day one he's wanted to go a 100."

"We've got to teach him," said Smith with a note of caution of what might happen to a young horse if they get too eager and want to go too fast, too early in a race. "They can all leave the gate. I'm not worried about that."

What Smith is more conscious of is developing a top horse and not a fast horse that's too hot to control. Cool Julio was taken off the pace in both of his baby races in June at Scioto Downs and showed extreme speed, but following a break in his second Smith went to the trotting hoppers for the first leg of the Sire Stakes on July 11 where Cool Julio broke stride.

Improvement followed in the second Sire Stakes leg at Northfield on July 20. A third-place finish that doesn't look like much on paper was far different visually.

"It's great to have Tyler driving the horse because he knows what I want," said Smith, giving kudos to his son for thinking of the long term rather than the short.

In the Northfield event Smith kept a tight hold of Cool Julio through most of the mile and only let him go in the stretch where he rallied into a fast final quarter timed in 28 1/5.

On Thursday night (August 6) Cool Julio returns from post six in a \$75,000 Ohio Sire Stakes leg at Scioto Downs with half the field from In Range's second crop and the two fastest in the field sons of Ready For Moni.

Smith will also send out the Cuatro De Julio-sired filly Anayawaka in a \$50,000 Ohio Sire Stakes division for 2-year-old trotting fillies. "She's got some talent and is starting to come around," said Smith of the filly.

Senor Julio, a Buckeye Stallion Stakes winner this year in 1:58 3/5 for Smith, made a miscue in the Ohio Fair event but has shown promise.

With a numbers disadvantage, Cuatro De Julio's stallion career may rest heavily on his limited first crop. Given just a glimpse of the wicked turn of speed of just one horse, he may just have the potential to sire a Hambletonian champion.

Beckwith gets first Hambletonian drive; closing in on another Big M driving title

By Derick Giwner

That Brett Beckwith is on the verge of his second consecutive Meadowlands driving title is no surprise. While he won the award as top driver at the New Jersey track in 2025 and was in the winner's circle last Hambletonian Day to get his plaque, he still spent the rest of the card watching from the stands.

Those still requiring proof of Beckwith's maturation as a driver over the last five years need only look out at the

track on Hambo Day this Saturday when they'll see the 23-year-old in a handful of races including the \$1,000,000 Grade 1 Hambletonian.

"Obviously it's always a thrill to win any driving title, but to be able to race on Hambo Day, I mean, it's the biggest day of the year in the U.S. and it's probably the most televised day, so it's always an honor," said Beckwith, who actually found out he would be in the Hambletonian on social media. "To be quite honest, my jaw dropped and the first person I called was John Rallis, just because John and me are really good friends and he's been a huge help and just a close friend during my whole career."

Beckwith took harness racing by storm in 2021 and has torn up the track ever since. Just six years into his career, he has already accumulated almost 2,300 wins on the strength of an 18 percent win rate. His earnings have also climbed year after year, reaching a height of \$7.1 million in earnings for horses under his guidance last year.

As of August 5, Beckwith has 96 wins at The Meadowlands, eight more than Joe Bongiorno in second and a country mile back to Mark Herschberger in third with 53. He somehow eclipsed his 92 wins from 2025 during the same period despite missing two months due to an on-track accident at Saratoga Raceway that left him with a broken jaw and wrist.

"It was mentally demoralizing. You go from keeping a schedule the way I do, which is nearly seven days a week traveling all the time, to all of a sudden you're bedridden with no other option but to go on a walk as your exercise for the day," said Beckwith about his injury and downtime. "But it really opened up my eyes to a lot of things and made me realize that as much as I do love racing and there's nothing more I'd rather do, it's good to know that there are other things in life other than racing, like taking that trip to Sweden or, I've met people since then that are really close to me that I wouldn't have never met if I never got hurt."

Beckwith certainly has been busy since his return. In the last week alone he's had drives at The Meadowlands, Plainridge Park, Saratoga Harness and Pocono Downs. He'll have 24 drives at The Meadowlands from Thursday to Saturday including behind Captain Naughty in the Hambletonian for trainer Per Engblom.

"It's just a really cool moment all around considering I really didn't think I would be back before the Meadowlands Pace to drive after the injury and then to be in that race, and then have the same chance in the same year to drive in the Hambletonian for someone like Per, who I've had a lot of luck with. He's just a great guy all around and we've had a ton of success together."



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Brett Beckwith getting a congratulatory sign from Jason Settlemoir at The Meadowlands in 2025.

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The Hambletonian and the namesake that started it all



CONFESSIONS

By Keith Gisser

It's Hambletonian week. I have been to just four – one at The Meadowlands that I didn't get to see because I was doing my Handicapping Herpetologist Display, and three at DuQuoin. And while I may be old, I am not old enough to have seen the race at Good Time Park in Goshen (the last edition of that one was 1956).

I loved the Hambletonian at DuQuoin. It reminded me of the Little Brown Jug – county fair setting, politicians glad-handing, the largest pork tenderloin sandwich I have ever seen and most importantly, eliminations and a final on the same day. That no longer happens. Okay, we have had the two heats on the same day discussion before. No need to rehash it. I understand horsemen don't want it, even though it would be a far more exciting event and television broadcast if we did.

This week everybody and their siblings will be doing Hambletonian facts and figures articles. So let's do something different. Why is the race called the Hambletonian and not the Meadowlands Trot (as we derisively called it when it first moved to New Jersey)? Side Note – the Hambletonian, not the Hambo.

Hambletonian (actually Hambletonian 10, since the USTA didn't have rules about horse names in 1846. Okay, there was no USTA in 1846). But several Hambletonians lived prior to 10, or Rysdyk's Hambletonian as he was known. Despite his notoriety, he is not the most decorated Hambletonian in horse racing. That honor goes to the thoroughbred who shared the name. He was the winner of all but one of his career races and later sired several winners. His victories included two Doncaster Cups in the late 1790s and the St Leger Group 1 at Doncaster.

Interestingly, there are a number of Hambletonian entrants this year who are not the first of their name. There were three previous horses named Endurance (1976 and 1999), Apex (1943 and 1960) and Spencer Hanover (1944 and 1977). There was also one former American Power (1996).

"Our" Hambletonian's roots go back well before his 1849 foaling date in New York. According to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame website, the name (originally) derived from the historic racing area of Hambleton Hills, which is on the edge of the North York Moor in England. It all started with an English thoroughbred named Mambrino. This is gonna sound like something out of the bible's first book, Genesis. Mambrino begat (sired) Messenger in 1780. He was imported to America and begat (sired) Messenger (a different one). That Messenger was bred to a trotting mare named Amazonia, who begat (foaled) Abdallah in 1823. Abdallah begat (sired) Hambletonian 10 on May 5 of 1849 from the Bellfounder mare Charles Kent Mare. So, while you could make an argument that Messenger (either one), Mambrino or Abdallah are the foundation of the Standardbred breed, the mark Hambletonian 10 left on the sport, with literally thousands of offspring, push him to the top of the list. By the way, Abdallah's stud fee was \$12.50.

Hambletonian was not really a racehorse. Bred by Jonas Seely, he sold the mare and her foal to his farmhand William Rysdyk for \$125. Incredibly, he trialed in just over 3:00 and then, a day later, in 2:48 (or perhaps 2:48 and ½) as a 3-year-old. Back then horses raced one at a time (trialing) and at the end of the day, the fastest time was declared the winner. That was it. He never actually raced, he only trialed. Rysdyk started breeding his stallion to local mares at 3. Many of these offspring showed a great deal of talent and as a result more and more mares were bred to him. It is believed that in a 24-year career as a stallion, he sired over 1,300 foals, earning Rysdyk over \$200,000 in stud fees.

Hambletonian died on March 27, 1876 in Chester, New York. His direct line takes to great foundation sires like George Wilkes, Dictator and Electioneer, and today nearly all Standardbreds can be traced back to him.

Now, to Saturday's race. I am not absolutely sure yet who I like, but I am strongly considering playing an Apex/Endurance exacta. For me they have been neck and neck all year with my Top 10 poll vote, and they were again Saturday night. Big Ranger is the logical choice. He dominated his elim. And, as an Ohio guy, you would think I would be pulling for him. But to use wrestling terms, he went from being a "face" to being a heel when the

owners pulled him from Ronnie Gillespie's barn.

Let me be clear, owners have every right to move a horse to a different barn or a different trainer. But the fans don't have to like it and I don't. Gillespie would have probably been the first Mississippi native to drive or train a Hambletonian horse. What a great story that could have been.

The future of the Hambletonian is up in the air right now. The race by-laws say

it MUST be raced on a seven-eighths or a one-mile track, and with The Meadowlands not exercising its contractual option, the only other possibilities would be Hoosier Park, Woodbine Mohawk Park and Lexington. Or DuQuoin. Now that would be pretty cool!

Of course, the Meadowlands did put in a new bid to host it and both Hoosier and Mohawk have reportedly submitted multi-year offers. That said, I really think the race belongs on a mile track, and with all due respect to my Canadian friends, it needs to stay in the lower 48. Where would it fit at Lexington, which already hosts the Kentucky Futurity? DuQuoin sounds like a better and better option the more I think about it. Could one race revitalize Illinois's faltering Standardbred industry? Probably not, but it would be a hell of a start. I hope it stays in New Jersey, but if the Hambletonian is moved to DuQuoin, I will be there.

That's it for this time. Now go cash, hopefully on the Hambletonian or the amazing undercard scheduled for Saturday.



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Harris sends power trio to the track for Hambo Day undercard

By Derick Giwner

Trainer Andrew Harris won't be putting the equipment on any horses in the Grade 1 Hambletonian or Grade 1 Oaks but he has a strong group of contenders in three other Graded stakes on a noon Meadowlands program with over \$3.4 million in purses.

Harris' day kicks off in the \$310,750 Grade 2 Cane Pace for 3-year-olds, race three on the 16-race card, with his stable star Brandon Blvd. The son of Downbytheseaside has been nearly perfect in 2026 with five wins and two seconds in seven starts, including a current three-race winning streak with a pair of 1:47 3/5 victories following three-week breaks in the mix.

"He's like a Thoroughbred. He loves to come off the bench," said Harris on Brandon Blvd's racing schedule, while adding that coming back on a seven-day pattern will be no issue. "He did three weeks in a row in Canada and it didn't bother him."

The Cane Pace is a rematch of sorts as Bradon Blvd hooks up against Odds On Mr Mamba for the first time since he finished second to the Melanie Wrenn trainee in the Grade 1 North America Cup on June 13. Harris feels the five-horse Cane provides a true test of who is best between not just those two but the entire field.

"It's the most even playing field for both horses," said Harris about the field size. "It's Hambletonian Day. There is not going to be any slow-paced races. It will be 90 degrees at 12:30 or so when they race and these guys will start rolling. Once you start horses like that, they keep going. Everybody in there believes they have a shot because there's no traffic to get in the way."

Brandon Blvd starts from post two with Dexter Dunn in the bike while Odds On Mr Mamba has the five-hole with James MacDonald. The rest of the field from the inside out includes Captain Underhand, Gentleman's Club and Sweet Lovin Lou.

Last years Dan Patch winner as the top 3-year-old trotting filly has seen mixed results thus far in 2026 but Harris feels Yo Tillie is finally ready to reclaim her seat at the top of her division following a 1:51 victory in the Miss Versatility on August 1 at The Meadowlands.

"There's no doubt with a mare like that when you get them beat a couple times because they're not completely healthy, it affects them like mentally. And this week she's back to acting like she's the queen," said Harris, who added that the mare kept going into heat and when she wasn't she was tying up. "It was just this horrible six-week stretch where it was like, nothing we did could get her out of heat."

Yo Tillie is lined up perfectly in post five for the \$183,650 Grade 2 John R. Steele Memorial (race 10) with regular driver Todd McCarthy behind the lines. She is the 3-1 morning-line favorite.

The day ends for Harris in race 14 when he'll send out 4-1 third choice Unreasonable from post four in the \$156,500 Grade 2 Lady Liberty for older pacing mares versus former Horse of the Year Twin B Joe Fresh (post seven) and Dan Patch-winning stablemate Miki And Minnie (post two).

"I love my mare. That said, Twin B Joe Fresh is the Queen of the division and she deserves all the respect in the world and Miki And Minnie is probably next in line," admitted Harris. "I don't know if we can beat them, but we'll make our presence felt."

Harris is a fan of harness racing at heart and said he is looking forward to not only his horses but the Hambletonian and supporting races.

"I'm excited because I think that there's a lot of races with a lot of unknowns, so it should actually be good racing," concluded Harris.



WALTER WLODARCZYK

Trainer Andrew Harris will send out Brandon Blvd, Yo Tillie and Unreasonable on Saturday.

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Libfeld, Svanstedt and Williams elected to Harness Hall of Fame; Lefkowitz, Rinker to join Communicator's Wing of HOF

The United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA) is pleased to announce the election of Al Libfeld, Åke Svanstedt and Russell Williams to the greatest honor in the industry, membership in the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.

USHWA has also elected the late Barry Lefkowitz and Kim Rinker to the pinnacle of their profession, membership in the Communicators Hall of Fame.

HALL of FAME

AL LIBFELD has long been one of North America's leading owners and breeders. His statistics in the most prestigious races of the industry are ample proof of that statement: seventh among both owners and breeders in the all-time money category for the definitive Breeders Crown championship series, where his horses have had 11 Crown victories, and also a winner of the Hambletonian and four Hambletonian Oaks. He was a winner in the voting for the 2018 Stan Bergstein Proximity Award, the highest honor decided solely by members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association, for overall quality impact upon the sport, and has won breeding awards on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border.

A building company magnate, Libfeld and his early racehorse ownership experiences may not have been memorable, but when Dream Away won the 1997 Meadowlands Pace for Libfeld and partners Sam Goldband and Marvin Katz, Libfeld entered a stratum from which he has not departed for almost 30 years, and has expanded to include a parallel breeding operation. A co-presenting sponsor of the 2019 Breeders Crown, Libfeld continues to pursue success at the highest level with his three-year-old trotting filly Storybook Love, last year's Crown champion in her division and an Oaks finalist.

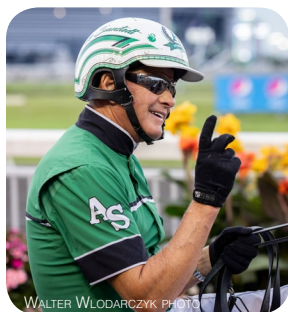
ÅKE SVANSTEDT was already a Hall of Famer and five-time Trainer of the Year in his native Sweden, where he had over 5000 victories as both a trainer and a driver. In 2014 he sought a new challenge, so he and wife Sarah set up operations in North America. It did not take long for him to establish himself, as Sebastian K S would soon go out and trot a 1:49 mile at Pocono Downs, then the fastest mile ever on the gait.

The intervening years have only built up the Svanstedt stable as a force to be reckoned with at any level of trotting competition on this side of the Atlantic. The stable has twelve Breeders Crown winners to its credit (sometimes Åke has multiple entries in rich finals like the Crowns, so some have been handled by top catch-drivers); three Hambletonians, a Hambletonian Oaks, and a Hambletonian Maturity; two Yonkers International trots; two Trotters of the Year in Sebastian K and Jiggy Jog S; and the Dan Patch Trainer of the Year award in 2023. In just thirteen campaigns in North America, Svanstedt has trained the winners of over \$68 million.

RUSSELL WILLIAMS has one of the best "pedigrees" in all of harness racing, tracing back to his grandfather Lawrence Sheppard, founder of the sport's leading nursery, Hanover Shoe Farms and a member of the Hall of Fame. Pedigrees, along with knowledge and service, are essential ingredients for success in harness racing, and Williams has applied all in his decades of management of Hanover Shoe Farms, which has been the sport's #1 breeder since records



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began to be kept in 1948, and the Standardbred Horse Sales Company, the annual Harrisburg auction.

Williams, a law graduate of the University of Richmond, has been influential on many levels of harness racing's top organizations. He has been a longtime USTA director, and since 2017 he has been president of the USTA (as was grandfather Sheppard), taking strong stands on many of the complex issues that challenge the sport/industry in a competitive market. Russell was the 2014 Bergstein Proximity Award. And while he says his "is a modest owning/breeding operation," it has produced \$3.5M-winner Nuncio and other talented performers. And his concern about horses whose racing and breeding careers are over is legendary.

Libfeld, Svanstedt, and Williams will be joined in entrance to the Hall of Fame by Carter Duer, who was elected into the Hall through the special Veterans designation in July.

COMMUNICATORS HALL of FAME

A fan of harness racing since a youth, BARRY LEFKOWITZ came up in the sport through the famous Monticello Raceway Publicity cohort, then held a number of publicity and administrative positions throughout the East, Midwest, and Canada. He made his primary publicity mark at Roosevelt Raceway, the sport's flagship track in its day, where he was responsible for the promotion of the Roosevelt International Trot, which involved everything from helping to secure horses to making sure of their accommodations once in Gotham to getting the word out about the crack field of the world's best trotters.

Barry later went into the insurance business while still performing a number of Officer functions for USHWA, including a two-year term as President. His understanding of modern financial techniques along with his personal yet aggressive style transformed USHWA's financial stability. Though ill for a period beforehand, the sport was still stunned when he passed away just a couple of weeks after the 2025 Dan Patch banquet.

KIM RINKER had in her biography submitted for Communicators Hall consideration a total of thirteen publications to which she makes or made regular contributions (that number might be low), three of which resulted in her winning Hervey Writing Awards. She worked for four racetracks and numerous organizations of the sport in executive roles. She authored twelve books (and a thirteenth is in the works). She has bridged the transition to today's journalism by developing formidable Internet web skills. And one accomplishment was not mentioned: she actually was a part-owner of a Preakness winner!

All of this comes before the many capacities in which she has served USHWA, including President, Chair of the Board (twice), contributor to several USHWA committees, and Chair of the Journal Committee, the last-named a monumental undertaking adding greatly to the Dan Patch Awards Dinner. She is a former USHWA of the Year, and now her work and legacy reaches its ultimate recognition in entrance to the Communicators Hall.

Duer, Libfeld, Svanstedt, Williams, Lefkowitz, and Rinker will be honored in two separate 2027 ceremonies. Official induction into the Hall of Fame and Communicators Hall of Fame will be on Sunday, July 4 in Goshen NY. The first formal recognition will occur at the U. S. Harness Writers Association's Dan Patch Awards Banquet, to be held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando FL on Sunday, February 21, 2027. More information on these events will be available on usharnesswriters.com and harnessmuseum.com in the upcoming months.

The United States Harness Writers Association (USHWA), the foremost group of communicators about the Standardbred horse, conducts the official annual balloting for the sport's most prestigious honors: election to the Hall of Fame and Communicators Hall of Fame, and the selection of the Horse of the Year, Trotter and Pacer of the Year, and all of the Dan Patch Awards.

Each year USHWA hosts the Dan Patch Awards Banquet, honoring the best performers in North American harness racing. This banquet is the Association's principal source of funding, and with financial support from the harness racing industry, USHWA is able to host the banquet at a world-class facility in a world-class manner.

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Big Ranger makes big move in Top 10

By Ken Weingartner

Hambletonian elimination winner Big Ranger made a big move in the Week 8 Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll released August 5.

Sitting outside of the Top 10 a week ago, the 3-year-old colt trotter added 127 points to his previous total and vaulted to No. 6 in the rankings following his 1:50 victory this past weekend at the Meadowlands.

Apex, the Hambletonian's other elimination winner, also improved his position, adding 20 points and moving from sixth to fifth.

The top four spots were unchanged, although Brandon Blvd solidified his hold on No. 1 thanks to his 1:47 3/5 win in the Tompkins-Geers Stakes at the Meadowlands. Brandon Blvd received 27 of 35 first-place votes, an increase of 11, on his way to his third consecutive week at the top.

On To Norway, Miki And Minnie, and Odds On Mr Mamba – all idle – occupied the three spots behind Brandon Blvd.

Be Perfect BG, also idle, dropped from the Top 10.

The Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown poll, which will continue weekly on Wednesdays through the Grand Circuit season, does not determine year-end awards. The members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association vote on all Dan Patch Award division winners.

Rankings based on the votes of harness racing media representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Hambletonian Society/Breeders Crown Standardbred Poll: Week 8 - 8/5/2026

Rank	Name (1st Votes)	Age/Sex/Gait	Record	Earnings	Points	Pvs
1	Brandon Blvd (27)	3cp	7-5-2-0	\$708,405	335	1
2	On To Norway (6)	4gt	7-6-1-0	\$392,250	253	2
3	Miki And Minnie (2)	4mp	7-5-0-2	\$295,414	226	3
4	Odds On Mr Mamba	3gp	6-4-0-2	\$500,360	173	4
5	Apex	3ct	4-3-1-0	\$239,716	172	6
6	Big Ranger	3ct	7-5-0-0	\$177,337	131	--
7	Loua Dipa	3fp	7-4-1-0	\$293,090	129	5
8	Twin B Joe Fresh	6mp	6-3-1-0	\$202,516	117	7
9	Al Papi	3cp	9-2-3-2	\$538,843	93	8
10	Endurance	3ct	6-4-2-0	\$316,392	70	9

ALSO: Be Perfect BG 56; Lexus Kody 54; Super Chapter 38; Ervin Hanover 15; Bourbonista S, Shalom Hanover 11; Nezuko Kamado S 10; Lou Hill 8; Crack Shot 5; Jailbird Jog, Jersey Bulldog 4; Redland Rocket Man 3; Captain Optimistic, Yo Tillie 2; Antognoni S, Carve, Periculum 1.

Hambletonian decision coming soon?

While the entirety of the harness racing industry will be focused on Hambletonian Day at The Meadowlands this Saturday, sources tell DRF Harness that a decision on the location for the 2027 (and perhaps beyond) Hambletonian could be imminent.

When reached for comment, Hambletonian Society CEO and President John Campbell confirmed that a meeting was scheduled and added that a "decision has not been reached," indicating that all three bidders - The Meadowlands, Harrah's Hoosier Park and Woodbine Mohawk Park - still have a chance to host the marquee racing day in the sport. Stay tuned!

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3 APEX 3:15:03 (1) \$59,929 SHS-HBG \$525,000 5-2 D. Dunn 217-51-39-29 (235)		b c 3, by Walner, Mission Brief by Muscle Hill Jeffrey S Snyder, New York, NY; S R F Stable, Del Ray Beach, FL; Steve H Stewart, Paris, KY M. Melander 101-26-18-12 (257)		Last 5 Sts -\$297,163		1:50.3 M1 1:51.4 Wbs 7/8	26 M1 4 1 0 0 25 M1 5 4 1 0 24 M1 0 0 0 0	\$241,163 26 Tot \$21,985 25 Tot - Life	4 1 0 0 9 6 1 1 13 9 2 1	\$271,716 \$871,738 \$1,115,154	
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5 CAPTAIN NAUGHTY 3:15:02 (1) Q \$3,544 15-1 B. Beckwith 458-96-78-55 (210)		b c 3, by Captain Corey, Msnaughtytashill by Muscle Hill Denise L Dennis, Indianapolis, IN P. Engblom 226-52-19-21 (230)		Last 5 Sts -\$21,264		1:52 M1 1:53.3 Lx1	26 M1 1 0 0 0 25 M1 0 0 0 0 24 M1 0 0 0 0	\$8,014 26 Tot - 25 Tot - Life	6 0 2 0 9 4 1 0 15 4 3 0	\$21,264 \$57,890 \$78,354	
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6 AI 3:15:43 Q \$17,216 LEX-SEL \$150,000 12-1 R. Wrenn Jr. 10-2-0-4 (200)		b c 3, by Chapter Seven, Image Of Bee by Muscle Hill Burke Rca Stb, PA; Hatfield Sts & Knox Services, OH; Weaver Bruscm, PA R. Burke 241-33-28-30 (137)		Last 5 Sts -\$68,690		1:54.3 YR 1:56.3 YR	26 M1 2 0 0 0 25 M1 4 0 1 1 24 M1 0 0 0 0	\$6,690 26 Tot \$63,615 25 Tot - Life	4 1 2 0 14 5 1 4 22 6 3 4	\$137,729 \$395,073 \$532,802	
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7 ENDURANCE 3:15:13 (5/8) \$52,732 SHS-HBG \$14,000 5-1 A. McCarthy 176-12-20-24 (068)		b c 3, by Captain Corey, Love Session by Muscle Massive Super Endurance Stb, Radner, OH; B G Manes, ON; J Fleming, ON; M Moger, Amelia Is, FL Cr. Beaver 3-1-1-0 (333)		Last 5 Sts -\$293,583		1:51.3 OaG 5/8 1:52.3 Lx1	26 M1 2 1 1 0 25 M1 0 0 0 0 24 M1 0 0 0 0	\$97,994 26 Tot - 25 - Life	6 4 2 0 8 6 1 0 14 10 3 0	\$175,392 \$357,460 \$872,842	
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Powwow back for more in 2026 MGM Yonkers International Trot

The MGM Yonkers International Trot welcomes its third participant as Norway's Powwow joins the field for the Grade 1 event scheduled for September 12 at MGM Yonkers Raceway.

The son of 2015 MGM Yonkers International Trot winner Papagayo E, Powwow is making a second run at the \$1,000,000 race after finishing third behind Lexus Kody in the 2025. For owner Tom Andersen, losing by less than a length last year, combined with the prestige of the race, sparked his decision to return.

"In Europe we call the race Yonkers International Trot the "Word Championship of Trotting" and as such the winner of the race is World Champion," said Andersen on the race's importance. "Powwow showed that Yonkers Raceway suits him and of course we love to compete against the best horses in the world."

A 6-year-old trained Jan Kristian Whaaler, Powwow has a career record of 23-2-6-5. While the win stats don't jump off the page, the level of the competition he has been facing does.

"This year Powwow has started six times at the top international level. His form is very good and we expect to have him in top condition on September 12," said Andersen, who added that Powwow will compete in the 300,000 SEK Åby Stora Pris on August 15 at 3,140 meters (approx. two miles) before shipping to New York.

"Team Powwow's Norwegian slogan is "Alt Er Mulig" - this means Anything is possible," said Andersen. "The start in the Yonkers International Trot will be the 25th for Powwow. Can he do as his father Papagayo E did in his 25th start and win the race as well?"

Powwow joins Diva Ek and Bourbonista in the lineup for the MGM Yonkers International Trot. More invitations will be extended in the coming days to complete the 10-horse field. The race will be the focal point of a stellar card on September 12 that starts at 11:50 a.m. (EDT) and includes the \$2.4 million New York Sire Stakes finals for 2- and 3-year-olds as well as a pair of \$200,000 Invitationals - Bob Miecuna Trot and Aria Pace.

MGM Yonkers Raceway is currently operating on a Monday through Saturday racing schedule with post time at 6:45 p.m. (EDT) every night except Saturday when post time is 3:30 p.m.

-Yonkers Raceway Media

MEADOWLANDS SCHEDULE AND HAMBO DAY INFO

Hambletonian Day (Saturday, Aug. 8) is upon us, and, as usual, the 16-race card at The Meadowlands is packed with the game's biggest stars.

This week, The Big M will be adding a night of action to the weekly calendar, and will race Thursday (Aug. 6), Friday (Aug. 7) and Saturday. Post time on Thursday and Friday is 6:20 p.m.

On Saturday, those who will be heading to the track have to keep in mind that post time for the first race is noon. Admission is \$5, but you get a Hambletonian hat for paying your way in, so it is well worth the cost.

Gates open at 10 a.m., so get there early and claim your spot.

IT'S LIVE ON FOX: The Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks will be telecast live to a national television audience on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The show can be seen as part of the New York Racing Association's "Day at the Races" coverage of the Thoroughbred action from Saratoga Race Course.

For those who would like to see the Hambletonian Oaks and Hambletonian live on TV, they should tune in to FOX Sports 2 (FS2) at 3 p.m.

Post time for the Oaks is 3:36 p.m. The Hambo is set for 4:51 p.m.

THE SCHEDULE: Live harness racing at The Meadowlands will be conducted on a Friday-Saturday basis through Sept. 12 with a first-race post time of 6:20 p.m.

There are some exceptions to those rules.

The 101st edition of the \$1-million Hambletonian is on Saturday, Aug. 8, and that card begins at noon.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, racing will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition, there is a Thursday program scheduled. It will take place on Aug. 6.

Finally, there will be no live racing at The Meadowlands on Friday, Aug. 14, and Friday, Aug. 28, due to preseason football at MetLife Stadium.

-edited release (Dave Little for The Meadowlands)

DRF HANDICAPPER'S CORNER

At DRF Harness we strive to provide the best handicapping information in the sport. Each week we'll use this space to bring you some of our handicappers' best bets and value plays. Use this information as one of your tools when wagering or head to your nearest ADW and simply make a win bet.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

RACE 4

(4) ASTEROID drops after another good performance in the Invitational last Thursday, and I'll give him top call this time.

-Greg Reinhart

EMPIRE CITY.
CASINO
YONKERS RACEWAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

RACE 8

(9) TUFF GOING has yet to prove himself on paper, but last week's mile absolutely fits against these. Two races against Unstable Genius to start your career isn't exactly the easiest task.

-Kevin Plowcha



WOODBINE
MOHAWK PARK

RACE 7

(6) ASTON KEMP did what he could last week but #7 got the jump on him and Bongiorno seemed resigned to be second. Now in his third career start I can see him opening him up a bit more.

-Derick Gwerner



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

RACE 7

There is a ton of potential early speed in here but ultimately I can't get away from (2) BOURBONISTA S. She was absolutely awesome the last two times we saw her and while her qualifier with trainer Marcus Melander driving wasn't pleasing to the eye, he told us she was grabby and he believes he choked her down.

-Gwerner



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE HARNESS INDUSTRY

BURKE HOPES THE TIME IS NOW FOR AI IN HAMBLETONIAN

Hall of Fame trainer Ron Burke thinks 3-year-old trotter AI will win a big race in the near future.

While it might not be this Saturday (Aug. 8) at The Meadowlands in the \$1 million Grade 1 Winning Key Farm Hambletonian final, the second leg of the Trotting Triple Crown, Burke sees it coming.

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BAILEY J BEST IN NEW YORK SIRE STAKES AT BATAVIA

The New York Sire Stakes were at Batavia Downs on Wednesday (Aug. 5) evening and featured a field of eight 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings who competed for their share of the \$110,200 purse. Bailey J (Chapter Seven-Fade Into You) proved once again that he is a force to be dealt with in this division on the strength of another impressive win.

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HEAVY RAIN FORCES EARLY END TO WEDNESDAY'S RED MILE CARD

Due to intense rain that arrived in Lexington during the Wednesday (Aug. 5) card of harness racing at The Red Mile, the track had to cancel the remainder of the 14-race card for unsafe track conditions.

The Red Mile has rescheduled Wednesday's remaining state-bred races to a non-wagering card on Sunday (Aug. 9) starting at 3 p.m. (EDT).

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NOBODY KNOWS IT SETS OCEAN DOWNS STAKES AND TRACK RECORDS

A record-setting performance highlighted an exciting night of Maryland Standardbred Fund competition Wednesday at Ocean Downs as the state's freshman fillies took center stage in four divisions worth more than \$113,000.

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BANANA BEACH PEELS OUT IN KENTUCKY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Banana Beach rebounded from a runner-up finish in the Kentucky Sire Stakes final at Oak Grove with a narrow win in the back-half sprint of the opening preliminary for the \$80,000 Kentucky Championship Series for 2-year-old pacing fillies on Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 4) at The Red Mile.

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WINBAK FARM GOSHEN YEARLING SALE VIDEOS NOW POSTED

In July it was announced that legislation was updated to allow all New York Sired horses to be eligible to compete at every level of the New York Sire Stakes program. This update allows each Winbak-Bred yearling sired by a New York Stallion to be eligible to New York Sire Stakes, Excelsior Series and the County Fairs.

Winbak Farm is proud to be a partner in the 2026 Goshen Yearling Sale, which will be held at the Mark Ford Training Center in Middletown, New York.

The Goshen Yearling Sale videos for Winbak Farm's lineup are now posted and can be viewed at www.winbakfarm.com. Click on an individual yearling's hip number to watch their video.

Yearlings will be available for preview at the training center on Sunday, September 13th and will sell on Monday, September 14th. Winbak's lineup consists of 21 New York-Sired yearlings.

Winbak Farm's 2026 Goshen Lineup

New York Pacers

Courtly Choice: 6 colts / 1 filly

Shadow Play: 3 colts / 3 fillies

****Both pacing stallions are in the top five for total New York Sire Stakes offspring earnings.**

New York Trotters

Crazy Wow: 1 colt / 2 fillies

Devious Man: 1 colt

Met's Hall: 1 colt / 1 filly

Six Pack: 2 colts (First New York Crop!)

****Met's Hall is currently second for total New York Sire Stakes offspring earnings (behind Chapter Seven).**

Highlights of the consignment include:

#4, Live Ammo, a Crazy Wow half-brother to 2026 Pennsylvania Stallion Series Winner, Cocktail Captain, 3, 1:55 4/5f -'26; BT1:54 3/5f-'26 (\$41,422), and 2026 Pennsylvania Stakes Contender, Shes A Home Run, 2, 1:58 4/5f -'26; BT1:55f-'26 (\$16,337). Second dam is Dan Patch Award Winner, Housethatruthbuilt, 3, 1:52 4/5 (\$1,165,183)

#37, Love Me Mo, a Shadow Play half-sister to Twinkle, p, 1:51 3/5 (\$354,278), the dam of Breeders Crown Winner, Gem Quality, p, 1:48 4/5f -'25; BT1:47 3/5 (\$798,187), and 2026 Ohio Stakes Contender, Nintynineproblems, p, 3, 1:54 1/5h -'26; BT1:52 1/5f-'26 (\$58,260). Her second dam is Hall of fame Broodmare Inductee, Lady Ashlee Ann, p, 3, 1:51 3/5 (\$95,481), the dam of Betterthancheddar, p, 1:48f (\$1,635,364), and Courtly Choice, p, 3, 1:47 1/5 (\$1,345,754)

#57, Doin The Met, a Met's Hall full-sister to City Of Hope, 1:53 2/5s -'25; BT1:52 4/5-'24 (\$358,522)

#82, Shadazzle, a Shadow Play half-sister to Aintbluenomore, p, 2, 1:51f -'23 (\$139,818), and multiple 2026 New York Excelsior Winner, Clear Choice, p, 2, 1:53 2/5s -'26 (\$20,000)

Many of these yearlings are also eligible to the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund program.

For more information on these yearlings, including booking an appointment to inspect yearlings prior to the sale at Winbak Farm of Maryland, please contact James Ladwig, Winbak Farm Yearling Manager, at 410.885.3059 or by email at james.ladwig@winbakfarm.com.

For more information about the Goshen Yearling Sale, visit www.goshenyearlingsale.com.

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WINBAK FARM VIDEOS FOR OHIO SELECTED JUG YEARLING SALE POSTED

On Friday, September 18th, Winbak Farm will be selling three yearlings in the Ohio Selected Jug Sale as part of the Spring Haven Farm consignment.

The Ohio Selected Jug Sale videos for Winbak Farm's lineup are now posted and can be viewed at www.winbakfarm.com. Click on an individual yearling's hip number to watch their video.

Winbak Farm yearlings selling include:

Ohio Pacers

Pebble Beach: 1 colt / 1 filly (First Ohio Crop!)

Ohio Trotter

Ready For Moni: 1 colt (#2 in North America for average 2YO earnings) Yearling Lineup:

#81, Stars Will Shine, a Ready For Moni colt from a 100% producing half-sister to Winbak Dream, 1:56 4/5s (\$441,684)

#150, Lobster Macncheese, a Pebble Beach colt from Ms Mac N Cheese, p, 1:50 4/5s (\$651,383). Half-brother to 2026 Prospect Winner, Side Dish, p, 2, 1:59 3/5h -'26 (\$4,745)

#217, Girls Beach Trip, a Pebble Beach half-sister to Smart N Sassy, p, 1:53f -'26 (\$129,184). Dam is a half-sister to Wisdom Tree, p, 1:49 1/5 (\$687,376).

For more information on Winbak Farm yearlings, please call James Ladwig, Winbak Farm Yearling Manager, at 410.885.3059 or email him at james.ladwig@winbakfarm.com. Yearlings are available for preview at Winbak Farm of Maryland prior to the sale by appointment.

The sale will be held at the Pickaway Agriculture and Event Center in Circleville, Ohio. The Sale Preview is on Thursday, September 17th.

For more information about the Ohio Selected Jug Sale, visit www.lexingtonselected.com or www.ohioharnesshorsebreeders.com.

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POST TIME ADJUSTED FOR AUGUST 8 AT WOODBINE MOHAWK PARK

Woodbine Mohawk Park has adjusted the first race post time for this Saturday's (August 8) live racing, moving it 20 minutes later to better align the evening's card.

The first race post time on Saturday, August 8 is now 6:50 p.m.

For Woodbine Mohawk Park's latest news and updates, visit WoodbineMohawkPark.com and follow @WoodbineSB on social media.

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