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THE HAMBLETONIAN

The Early Years (1926 to 1929)

In April 1924, nomination ads for a stake with a value estimated at \$50,000 appeared in *The Horse Review*, a leading turf journal of the day. Joseph I. Markey who wrote under the nom de plume of “Marque”, wrote several editorials in support of the race and John C. Bauer, the publisher, was credited with suggesting the name Hambletonian, after the great sire.

Markey’s idea was made a reality by promoter Harry

O. Reno of Chicago, Illinois, who assembled a managing committee of ten prominent breeders and officials. That managing committee became The Hambletonian Society. Reno, along with his brother-in-law W. M. Wright, owner of Calumet Farm, and Markey served on the original executive committee.

Three tracks (Atlanta, Ga., Kalamazoo, Mich., and Syracuse, N.Y.) submitted bids for the inaugural running of the Hambletonian Stake in August 1926. The race was awarded to the New York State Fair at Syracuse, which offered to add \$8,000 to the purse. From the first edition it was the richest race in the trotting sport, a status it maintains to this day. In no small way the amount of the purse is responsible for its position as the sport’s greatest prize. Because of the enthusiastic reception by breeders and owners, the 1926 purse swelled to \$73,451, — which was reported to be more than the sum total of next five richest stakes offered for 3-year-old trotters that same year.

Off to an auspicious start, the winner’s share went to pre-race favorite Guy McKinney in straight heats, trained & driven by Nat Ray. The “two-in-three” plan required a horse to win two heats in order to win first money and the trophy. Legendary New York Mayor Jimmy Walker made the presentation to owner Henry Rea of Pittsburgh.

After that great success, Syracuse was awarded the race for the next three years. However, the 1927 meeting was canceled after five days of rain. The Hambletonian was postponed and raced at Lexington that fall and the filly Iosola’s Worthy prevailed as the right horse at the right time; her stablemate Kashmir was the favorite in August, but was not a factor because of “bad manners” that day.

Syracuse was the site when Spencer won the third Hambletonian with Bill Leese in the bike, but the story leading up to the race had its share of melodrama. Fireglow, pronounced by Walter Cox as the greatest trotter he had ever trained, had been all but conceded the trophy when he died three weeks before the race from a mysterious poisoning “...following the hectic and unfinished race” at North Randall Park outside of Cleveland. Several horses went down. Some observers held Cox responsible for the accident and suspected retribution was behind the horse’s death. Among the three drivers sidelined because of injuries suffered in that incident was Spencer’s regular driver 66-year-old Alonzo “Lon” MacDonald. Missing his last chance in Hambletonian (he had driven in the first two editions), MacDonald died two years later.

In 1929 the race was again postponed and raced in Lexington. This time Walter Dear and his three stablemates from the Walter Cox barn finished 1-2-3-4, an unmatched accomplishment.

At that point, Syracuse no longer wished to host the event after two rainouts in three years, and Lexington already had a prestigious trotting race, the Kentucky Futurity. Where would the Hambletonian Society take the race? The answer lay in the winner’s circle with Walter Dear – his owner, William H. Cane, not only desired to win the race, but was eager to host it as well.



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The Goshen Years (1930 to 1956)

When Hambletonian No. 5 was awarded to Good Time Park, Bill Cane's three-cornered mile track in Goshen, an hour north of New York City, the move was met with some skepticism. Cane, a builder and sports promoter almost without equal, had conducted a Grand Circuit meeting at Goshen for several years. Though steeped in a great trotting tradition (the stallion Hambletonian was foaled in the same county), Goshen was a small village of only 3,000 and might not be able to accommodate the event.

Cane answered the doubters in resounding fashion, and created a national media event, attracting newspapers, magazines and newsreels of the day, as well as coast-to-coast radio broadcast coverage. He courted local dignitaries, the metropolitan press and the horse owners and breeders of the harness industry. The first Hambletonian at Goshen played to an overflow crowd, and over the years additions were built on the grandstand to accommodate the throngs of fans. Local papers reported the roads to Goshen jammed with traffic heading for the big race.

Some say that the Hambletonian established its identity at Goshen. Called "The Cradle of the Trotter", Goshen was the site of many classic races and unforgettable stories, beginning with the 1930 three-heat victory of Hanover's Bertha, followed by The Marchioness' subsequent four-heat triumph two years later. It was at Goshen that the great Greyhound swept from last to first to win his Hambletonian in 1935. When Rosalind won the 1936 race for her young owner "Gib" White, the wonderful story became the subject of the classic children's book *Born To Trot*. The permanent perpetual trophy was established in 1939, a classic Revere Bowl on the tiered pedestal that is still used today. On more than one occasion Jimmy Cagney presented the trophy to the winners.

In 1940, pari-mutuels were legislated in New York State,

and bookmakers and auction pools were history. The legendary Volo Song, trained and driven by "Mr. Hambletonian" of that era, Ben White, won the race in 1943 at the old Empire City thoroughbred track, now the site of Yonkers Raceway. The move was required because of war-time gas rationing. It was White's fourth winner as a driver, his fifth as a trainer. Both accomplishments were unequalled for 35 years.

In 1945, hometown favorite Titan Hanover, starting from post position 12 — in the middle of the second of three tiers — won in straight heats and remains the only horse ever barred in the pari-mutuel wagering. Chestertown's 1946 classic battle with Victory Song was started with the new Steve Phillips mobile gate, perhaps the most important innovation in the sport's history. The race was broadcast on television. Hoot Mon provided the first 2:00 mile in Hambletonian history in 1947 and in the following year owner and amateur driver Harrison Hoyt won with Demon Hanover.

The 1950s provided memories such as: 74-year-old Spanish-American war veteran Bion Shively winning with Sharp Note in 1952; a young Harry Harvey winning the next year with Helicopter in a 23-horse field; and Scott Frost capturing the 1955 Hambletonian on his way to acquiring the first Triple Crown of Trotting, in the same year it was established.

When Bill Cane died in 1956, the Goshen era came to an end. At the same time, a jurisdictional dispute between New York State officials and the United States Trotting Association, as well as the Hambletonian Society, over how harness racing was administered in the Empire State became a serious issue for the industry. In a statement issued by the Society, which acknowledged that "Goshen is the proper place for the Hambletonian" but expressing dissatisfaction with the administration of the sport in New York, it was announced that the 1957 race would be staged in DuQuoin, Illinois.



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The DuQuoin Years (1957 to 1980)

When the Hambletonian moved to DuQuoin in 1957, many thought the move temporary, with a return to Goshen in the plans after two years.

Instead the Hambletonian stayed in the Midwest for 24 years, forging a new look and festive State Fair identity, as if scripted by Rodgers & Hammerstein. W. R. Hayes, a Coca Cola bottler, built the DuQuoin State Fair on 1400 acres in Southern Illinois and hosted a Grand Circuit meeting for many years. Like Bill Cane, the family racing stable, Hayes Fair Acres, won the Hambletonian in 1950 with Lusty Song. Hayes died two years later, but his sons, Don and Gene, Gene's son Bill and their families shared his love of harness racing and sought to stage the event when the opportunity arose. In the next two and half decades, the Hayes clan was a wonderful host to some of the most memorable editions of the classic and some its best traditions including: a Hambletonian Song and the grand old free-for-aller Pronto Don leading the post parade. Every year, in the week before Labor Day, the country fair venue became the focus of the sport for horsemen, members of the media and fans from across North America and Europe.

In 1971, a separate filly division was inaugurated, the Hambletonian Filly Stake, which was later renamed the Hambletonian Oaks. In the mid 1970's pari-mutuel wagering began at the fair; prior to that the Hambletonian at DuQuoin was a non-betting affair.

Southern Illinois in late summer can be hot and humid, with thermometer readings of 100° not uncommon. Combined with the mile clay track at DuQuoin, it was perfect setting for trotting speed. Stake and world records were set and reset no less than a dozen times at DuQuoin, several times on the same afternoon. In the first heat in 1978 Speedy Somolli trotted the first 1:55 race mile in history. Remarkably he lost

the second heat by a nose to Florida Pro in an identical 1:55, and required a third heat to win the day.

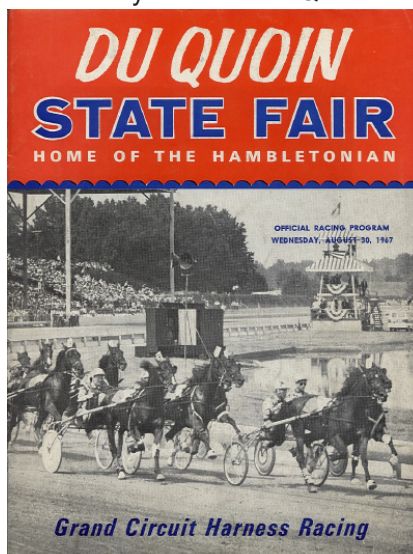
Each year, another great story unfolded.

Because of 21 starters, the 1957 classic, DuQuoin's first, was conducted in an elimination plan of two divisions, each racing two heats. Hickory Smoke won both his heats, as did the filly Hoot Song, and then he defeated her in the raceoff between the two. Hickory Smoke is the only winner ever required to win three heats to take home the Hambletonian trophy, while Hoot Song remains the only horse to win two heats and be denied the coveted bowl.

On four occasions at DuQuoin it took all afternoon and four heats to determine who would win the silver: Blaze Hanover in 1960; Egyptian Candor in '65; Bonefish in '75 and Steve Lobell in '76. The toll on the combatants in the last two years caused the Hambletonian Society to modify the conditions, limiting the maximum number of heats in the stake to three.

DuQuoin also became known as the site for great champions of that era to affix their place in the trotting firmament by way of impressive straight heat victories: Ayres, Nevele Pride, Lindy's Pride, Super Bowl (on their way to the Triple Crown), as well as Speedy Crown and Green Speed. Like Speedy Somolli, others such as Speedy Scot (also a Triple Crown winner) and Emily's Pride faltered along the way and needed a third heat to put their competition away.

There were also great human stories: Sanders Russell, with his broken ankle in a plaster cast, winning with A.C.'s Viking; John Simpson Jr. and Sr.'s victory on Timothy T.; and Bill Haughton's poignant 1980 Hambletonian with Burgomeister a horse owned by his son Peter who had been tragically killed earlier that year. That was the last year at DuQuoin.



THE HAMBLETONIAN

The Meadowlands Years (1981 to present)

When the Meadowlands Racetrack opened in 1976, no less a personage than New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne set his sights on bringing the Hambletonian to what would quickly become the premier track in North America. In 1979, a delegation from the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority that included Governor Byrne traveled to DuQuoin, Illinois, to meet with the Hambletonian Society and personally present their proposal. Their success in convincing the Society to move the classic event was historic, and the Hambletonian has now been at the Meadowlands longer than any other host track – a record 41 years.

The original intent of Meadowlands management was to create a day of family fun by producing a carnival atmosphere in the shadow of the New York skyline. These intentions evolved into a Hambletonian Festival week. Over the next 25 years, the week-long celebration included barbecues, parades, music, youth races, knights in armor, a parade of horse breeds, the World Trotting Conference and World Driving Championships and every brand of pageantry imaginable.

Management of the Meadowlands Racetrack changed drastically in 2011, when real estate mogul and racino owner Jeff Gural signed a 30-year lease assuming control of the track from the state of New Jersey. The NJSEA and Gural ran the track jointly in 2011; Gural assumed full control in 2012. Gural, a harness racing devotee since his teens, revitalized the racing landscape and has committed to hosting the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands through 2025, ensuring the continued tradition of the great race.

As it has at previous venues, the Hambletonian at the Meadowlands showcased some of the great stars of the modern era, such as: Mack Lobell, Armbro Goal, American Winner, Muscles Yankee, Self Possessed and Triple Crown winners Windsong's Legacy, Glidemaster and Marion Marauder.

The historic 1989 deadheat between Park Avenue Joe and Probe, and the filly victories of Duenna, Continentalvictory, Atlanta and Ramona Hill contained all the drama and romance of a best seller. John Campbell's six victories (one with a trotter trained by his younger brother) and amateur driver Mal Burroughs thrilling win with his home-bred Malabar Man before an audience that included another amateur — 1948 winner Harrison Hoyt — is the stuff of great legends.

Twenty-three-year-old Per Eriksson became the youngest winning trainer with Prakas in 1985 and then reeled off consecutive victories with Giant Victory and Alf Palema in '91 and '92. After years of catch-driver dominance at the Meadowlands, seven of the last 21 Hambletonian winners – Scarlet

Knight [00], Windsong's Legacy [04], Vivid Photo [05], Deweycheatumnhowe [08], Trixton [14], and Perfect Spirit [17] and Captain Corey [21] were all guided to the Hambletonian winner circle by their respective trainers.

A three-year reign of utterly dominant trotters Donato Hanover (07), Deweycheatumnhowe (08) and Muscle Hill (09) may never be duplicated. Deweycheatumnhowe became the first horse in Hambletonian history to carry an undefeated win streak (14, including a perfect 10-10 as a two-year-old) into the Hambletonian, and emerge victorious. Muscle Hill, the 2009 winner, lowered the Hambletonian speed record to 1:50.1, tying the all-age trotting record. In 2020, Ramona Hill also won in 1:50.1 adding her name to the speed roster.

Brian Sears became the first driver to sweep the Hambo-Oaks double in 2009, and repeated that feat in 2013. George Brennan swept the Hambletonian-Oaks double in 2011 with Broad Bahn and Bold And Fresh respectively.

Trainer Linda Toscano made history when Market Share stubbornly kept his head in front of onrushing competitors, becoming the first woman to claim a Hambletonian Crown in 2012. Paula Wellwood joined her in the record books in 2016 with Marion Marauder.

Under the new ownership, the return to heat racing in 2013 would be the last Hambletonian raced in front of the original grandstand built in 1976. New England horse trainer George Ducharme coached Royalty For Life through sickness, injury, and quarantine restrictions to win his heat and the final of the 2013 Hambletonian. Fittingly, John Campbell drove the last race winner of the day in front of the "Big M" grandstand, signaling the end of an era with a nostalgic wave goodbye from the winner's circle. Upon his retirement in 2017, Campbell was chosen to lead the Hambletonian Society, a natural transition for the sport's iconic leader.

Jimmy Takter's family operation filled the winner's circle when Muscle Massive powered to victory in 2010; finished 1-2 with Trixton and Nuncio in 2014 when their 2/5 favorite Father Patrick broke; then came back with a roar with the gelding and eventual Trotter of the year Pinkman in 2015 and Oaks winner Wild Honey, a record achievement. Takter, who retired in 2019, sent out a record eight Oaks winners, including his last five starters prior to his handing the barn over to his daughter Nancy, who continued the family legacy, winning the 2020 Oaks with Sorella.

Although the classic trot always bore an opulent purse, growth at the Meadowlands has been almost exponential. Just two years after moving to New Jersey the Hambletonian raced for over \$1 million dollars and has every year since.

The Hambletonian has been televised



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The Meadowlands Years (1981 to present) continued

nationally as far back as 1964; in 1975 the race moved from its traditional day, Wednesday, to Saturday, where it has been raced ever since.

CBS broadcast the Hambletonian from 1994 to 2006, then NBC took over from 2007-11. CBS SportsNetwork picked up the event in 2012 and continues to do so today. Fox Sports has also carried the Hambletonian since 2021.

Conditions and format have been modified in the Hambletonian Stake as far back as the 1950s, usually to reduce the number of starters or change the elimination plan. In 1991 the “placing system” of paying just five monies based on the final summary and condition which required a horse to win two heats in order to win the race was dropped. Henceforth, the winner of the final was the winner of the trophy. In 1997 the Hambletonian eliminations were set a week prior to the final to create a week-long Hambletonian Festival bookended by Breeders Crown races. The NJSEA also wanted to maximize betting on the race and felt the heat format restricted that, as dissemination of program page information was difficult, particularly to off-track betting sites and internationally.

That proved correct as Hambletonian wagering exploded to a peak of \$9 million (an industry record) and the Hambletonian Festival week continued to turn in big numbers in handle, attendance, promotions and international simulcasting.

In 2013, information dissemination was instantaneous and the menu of ways to wager vast. When Jeff Gural signed a new contract to host the race through 2015, an opportunity to return to heat racing was embraced, and a new race for 4-year-old trotters, the Hambletonian Maturity, was created by the Hambletonian Society.

The return to a format of same-day elims and a final were part of that ongoing effort to adapt the race to the demands of harness racing fans, owners, bettors and participants. 2014 featured the first Hambletonian conducted over the same lightning fast Meadowlands mile oval – but spectators watched from the thrilling new Grandstand built by Gural that opened in November of 2013.

An important development for the future of The Meadowlands as a mecca of gaming and wagering was the breakthrough in 2018 of legalized sports wagering. The Victory Sports Bar was quickly transformed into the FanDuel Sports Book and a new gaming audience found its way to the Meadowlands.

The sensational filly Atlanta became just the 14th filly in history to beat male counterparts in the Hambletonian in 2018, and was also the subject of the first legalized horse racing “prop” bets in the modern era. Ramona Hill joined her in the filly pantheon in 2020, tying the great Muscle Hill time of 1:50.1.

In early 2019, Gural signed a contract extension to host the Hambletonian through 2025, with a return to eliminations the week before the final, as NJ racing regains its strength and stature in the racing world. The Meadowlands will be the home of the Hambletonian for a record four decades, the longest the event has been raced at any one track, and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2025 at the East Rutherford oval.

Though threatened for the first time in history by a global health crisis that locked down the state of New Jersey and most of the country, the 95th anniversary of the Hambletonian took place in front of a state-mandated 1,000 masked fans and owners as the filly Ramona Hill trotted into the record books. 2021 saw Ake Svanstedt win his second Hambletonian in five years with Captain Corey.

Since 1926, the Hambletonian Stake has been an extraordinary showcase for the wonderful stories that surround the great trotters, their connections and the memorable races they’ve contested for more than nine decades, embodying the inevitable changes and evolution of harness racing through those years. No matter the setting, regardless of format or field size, the gate, the Hambletonian remains the ultimate prize in the sport.



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The Hambletonian Debuts in a Sparkling New Grandstand The Day the Hipsters Came to the Hambletonian • August 2, 2014

by Dave Briggs

The young hipsters dressed to the nines sipping cocktails while lounging on rooftop patio furniture was the first indication this was not your granddaddy's Hambletonian. That it was a surprisingly pleasant overcast August afternoon, and not a sauna, was another.

In the end, the track belonged to imported Swedes — Jimmy Takter and Ake Svanstedt, especially — along with Ron Burke, of course.

But the day? That belonged to the gleaming new \$88 million grandstand that thrummed with youthful energy and passed its first big test with aplomb.

Track owner Jeff Gural was pleased and, naturally, couldn't resist an "I told you so" dig at his critics.

"I think if you go back to the weekend we opened, I think if you look at some of the blogs, they were all critical, 'Gural's an idiot. The place is much too small. What's he going to do for the Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian?' We saw the place is just perfect. It was designed exactly right," he said of a building about a third the size of the behemoth across the pond.

Give the man his due. On this Hambletonian, he wasn't wrong. The crowd, estimated at 20,700, was thick — particularly in the new version of Paddock Pack now called The Backyard — but not impenetrable. The queues — for pari-mutuel or more ordinary refreshment — moved with impressive speed given the volume.

The on-track wagering wasn't as strong as the Nouveau Big M folks would have liked to have seen, mind you, but then the young kids don't bet like their granddaddies, either. It's the cost of trying to introduce the business to a generation to which harness racing is as foreign as rumble seats.

But out there in our hyper-connected world, from Hackensack to Helsinki to Sydney the bets poured in. With a few countries still to be heard from, the expectation is that the haul will be about \$1 million higher than last year. The total handle of more than \$8.7 million is already the third best Hambletonian Day in history and foreign wagering could still push this year's number to the top spot, exceeding some \$9 million bet in 2005.

"That's impressive in this day and age," Gural said. "That's a tribute to the card. We had full fields, a couple of big fields, almost all the major stars were there with the exception of the three-year-old (pacing) colts. But on the trotting side, we got a little lucky with Father Patrick drawing the 10-hole. It wasn't a walkover, as it turned out."

The über trotter, bet down to 2-5 despite starting from parking lot, was part of Takter's Terrific Trio instrumental in

scaring off challengers in the main event and leaving the Hambletonian heatless just one year after returning to its old format. That Father Patrick made a jump at the gate immediately made for some interesting drama whether you watched on the huge high-definition infield screen from one of the outdoor grandstand seats or in the hinterland via the spectacular show on the CBS Sports Network that employed 13 cameras to great effect, including a wide-angle mounted on the starting gate.

Takter's intact duo of Trixton and Nuncio got the job done, of course, with a neck-and-neck stretch battle to boot. When the stone dust finally settled, Takter celebrated his first Hambletonian victory in the bike (and third lifetime), nipping John Campbell for what would have been his seventh triumph in harness racing's premier race.

You needed a cab ride to reach the rest of the field scattered by three breakers, which was particularly disheartening to driver Yannick Gingras and the rest of Father Patrick's connections.

That it was likely Gingras' greatest day at the track was little consolation for the Quebec native who won four stakes — including the \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks with Lifetime Pursuit — and just shy of \$600,000 in purses in all, but was crestfallen about losing the big one.

"It's probably the best day I've had racing horses but it's also the most disappointing day. I scored (Father Patrick) down pretty hard because I've never left with him before, and I wanted him to pay attention and be ready for it. The gate opened, I just touched him on his tail with the whip and he took off running. It's so unfortunate. Knock on wood, I'll have another chance, but you never know," Gingras told the ubiquitous Bob Heyden, one of the few things about the new place that thankfully was not traded in for a newer model on Hambletonian Day.

That Kevin Jonas of Jonas Brothers fame was tabbed to present harness racing's Stanley Cup to Takter and Co. speaks to that youth movement again — unless you're referring to that glorious silver bowl that now has 90 of the sport's greatest trotters inscribed in silver discs on its wedding cake base. Dear Lord, let's hope no one ever entertains trading that in for a newer model, because newer isn't always better. Progress isn't always positive.

Sorely missed in the new digs is the old front paddock that radiated with equine and human stars and served as the annual meeting place for the sport's far-flung powerbrokers on Hambletonian Day. The signs that once hung above the stalls on the façade of the old place honouring each of the Hambletonian winners since the race moved to New Jersey

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in 1981 seem out of place now lining the infield.

Try as they might, even the Copacabana rum girls sporting huge feather headdresses and little else other than smiles, didn't make up for the loss. Though, they were a nice touch along with the fathead driver cutouts seen throughout the day, the appearance by Captain Bill Wichrowski from the Discovery Channel's show *Deadliest Catch* and old style pennants each bearing the name of a Hambletonian finalist.

The bridge from old to new was the free Hambletonian hats, The Nerds bashing out loud, enthusiastic covers in the park and the track itself, of course, which yielded three more world record performances.

"I've been coming to the Hambletonian since 1960's when it was staged in DuQuoin [IL], and appreciated its growth and renewed pageantry when it moved to New Jersey in the old grandstand setting. We're working to build on that great tradition," said Tom Charters president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society. "In a way it was similar to the first Hambletonian here in 1981 – a new experience entirely. This is a new venue and a wonderful new facility, a new era. We will work with the Meadowlands to establish some new traditions that underscore the Hambletonian's place as America's trotting classic and the most important harness race in the world."

Classic Martine got things started in the first race, equaling the world mark for trotting mares with a 1:51.1 score in the \$52,000 Ima Lulu Final. Five races later, Mission Brief equaled the global mark for two-year-old trotting fillies with a 1:52.2 score in the \$352,050 Merrie Annabelle. Barefoot speedster Sebastian K capped the record-setting parade in race 11 when he equaled the 1:50 record for older trotters while winning the \$300,650 John Cashman Jr. Memorial the same day Cashman's 14-year-old granddaughter, Grace Cashman, sang the national anthem.

None of which — even the Hambletonian winner — topped spectacular sightlines from multiple decks, a Hollywood-style sign on the roof that spells out Meadowlands in huge letters and a massive sports bar that transforms into a dance club at night — all designed to lure the next generation critical for the sport's survival.

"Everybody loved it. Everybody thought it was spectacular," said Gural, who is fond of wandering his plant to make himself available to his patrons. "The biggest compliments were from the people that had never been there. If you've never been there, you're really shocked when you pull up to the door."

As the start of a new era for harness racing greatest day drew to a close, even the sky brightened and the Manhattan skyline materialized like a mirage out of the haze. The hipsters on the roof barely noticed, what with their iPhones, friends and cocktails to attend to, but the rest of us noticed them all right.

They were completely foreign to the old place and a most welcome addition to the club.



Photo L-R: Tom Charters, Bengt Agerup & Kevin Jonas

Hambletonian® Stake No. 98

including HAMBLETONIAN OAKS (Filly Division) and E.T. Gerry, Jr. HAMBLETONIAN MATURITY
For 3-Year-Old Trotters in 2023; For 4-Year-Old Trotters in 2024

Note:

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For:

Foals of 2020 (Subject to USTA foaling date rules).

To Be Raced As:

The Hambletonian for 3-Year-Old Trotters (Open, which includes fillies) and the Hambletonian Oaks for 3-Year-Old Trotting Fillies (Oaks) in 2023 and the E.T. Gerry, Jr. Hambletonian Maturity for 4-Year-Olds (including mares) in 2024.

To Be Raced At:

The Open, the Oaks and the Maturity (all of the aforementioned events, "Races"; any of the individual events, "Race") will be conducted at the Meadowlands Racetrack ("Track") to be awarded by The Hambletonian Society ("Society"). Definite dates will be published in the USTA Stakes Guide in the year of the Races. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Society, to hold either one or all of these Races at the Track designated, the Society reserves the right to change the date and/or the location of any Race or all Races.

Cancellation:

The Society further reserves the right to cancel any Race or all Races if for reasons beyond its control it becomes impractical or undesirable in the opinion of the Society to conduct said Race or Races. If an event is not conducted due to circumstances beyond its control, the Society's responsibility and liability will be limited to refunding without interest nomination, sustaining, and starting fees collected toward canceled Race or Races that have not been disbursed at the time of cancellation. These monies will be prorated among the owners of the horses eligible at the time of cancellation.

Purse:

Hambletonian (Open).....\$1,200,000 (estimated)
Hambletonian Oaks.....\$600,000 (estimated)
Hambletonian Maturity\$400,000 (estimated)

The purse in the Final of the Open will be no less than \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 for the Final of the Oaks, except as provided below. Total elimination purses for the Open are estimated at \$200,000 or \$70,000 per elimination; total elimination purses for the Oaks are estimated at \$100,000 or \$35,000 per elimination. However if the total paid in is less than \$600,000 for the Open, or less than \$300,000 for the Oaks, the Society reserves the right to reduce the amount of the eliminations in order to maximize the amount of the final purse.

Added Money:

By contract with the Society, the New Meadowlands Racetrack LLC ("NMR") will guarantee a total purse of at least \$1,200,000 for the Open to be raced in 2023, except where the total paid in from nomination, sustaining and starting fees for the Open is less than \$600,000. In that case, the NMR will add an amount equal to the total amount paid in by the horse men. Likewise the NMR will guarantee a purse of at least \$600,000 for the Oaks, except where the total paid in the above fees is less than \$300,000. In that case, the NMR will add an amount equal to the total amount paid

in by the horse men. Furthermore the NMR guarantees that the added money for both the Open and the Oaks will be at least 40% of the total purse.

By contract with the Society, the NMR will add a minimum of \$150,000 to the purse of the Hambletonian Maturity to be raced in 2024. Furthermore the NMR guarantees that the added money for the Hambletonian Maturity will be at least 30% of the total purse.

Nomination Fee (U.S. funds only):

May 15, 2021\$25

Supplemental Yearling Nominations:

Otherwise not eligible yearlings may be made eligible by a supplemental fee.

August 15, 2021.....\$125

Future Payments (U.S. funds only):

On 2-Year-Olds	OPEN	OAKS
March 15, 2022 Sustaining Fee	\$500.....	\$250

On 3-Year-Olds

February 15, 2023 Sustaining Fee.....	\$2,000	\$1,000
Entrance Fee.....	\$15,000	\$7,500

Four-year-olds that were kept eligible as a three-year-old to the Hambletonian Open or Oaks as of the February 15, 2023 payment will also be eligible to make the February 15, 2024 sustaining payment to the Hambletonian Maturity.

On 4-Year-Olds

	HORSES	MARES
February 15, 2024 Sustaining Fee.....	\$2,000.....	\$1,500
Entrance Fee.....		\$8,000

Notice:

USTA Rule 12.04 provides: "Failure to make any payment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event." The Hambletonian Society, Inc. will construe payment to require that cash or check duly honored upon presentation be received at the time specified in USTA Rule 12.02

For horses not kept eligible as a three-year-old, see "Supplemental Nominations" or "Supplemental Entries" below.

Supplemental Nominations:

Horses not kept eligible to the Hambletonian or Oaks as of February 15, 2023 may be made eligible to the Hambletonian Maturity in 2024 by the payment of either of the following supplemental nominations plus the February 15, 2024 sustaining payment (and entrance fee if declared to start).

On 3-Year-Old Colts (incl. Geldings) and Fillies MATURITY
November 15, 2023 Supplemental Nomination\$2,000

On 4-Year-Old Horses (including Geldings and Mares)
February 15, 2024 Supplemental Nomination.....\$5,000

Entries/Declaration:

Due for all Races at the Track where the race is being held under the entry rules existing at that Track, at a time and date posted on the condition sheet of the Track.

The entrance fee shall be due at time of declaration and payable not later than one hour prior to post time of the elimination race to be contested, or if no elimination is necessary, not later than one hour prior to post time of the Race. All entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society, Inc.

The Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

Filly Notice For The Open:

A filly, which is properly nominated and sustained, may start in the Open race upon fulfilling the published conditions at the time of declaration for the Open, as well as making up the difference between the nominating and sustaining fee between a colt and a filly.

Entrance Fee for a Filly entering the Open\$16,250

Supplemental Entries For The Maturity:

On 4-Year-Old Horses (including Geldings & Mares) MATURITY Supplemental Entry..... \$50,000

Three-year-old and older horses that are otherwise ineligible to the Maturity may be made eligible to the Race in 2024 with a declaration to start accompanied by payment of a supplemental entrance fee no later than the prescribed time and date scheduled by the Track. The declaration is due at the Track where the race is being held. The supplemental entrance fee (U.S. funds only) shall be equal to \$42,000, plus the amount of the normal entrance fee \$8,000.

For horses for which the supplemental entrance fee is paid, no other fee of any kind is required. The supplemental entrance fee is non-refundable once the horse is declared to start unless the horse dies between the time of declaration to start and the start of the race or the elimination race in which the horse was to compete, as the case may be. All supplemental entrance fees shall be made payable to The Hambletonian Society.

The Society, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

There are no supplemental entries allowed for either the Open or the Oaks.

Payment Distribution:

Nomination fees will be divided equally among the Open and the Oaks. All other payments will be credited to the specific Race, except that \$100 of each March 2-year-old colt payment and \$500 of the February 3-year-old colt payment may be credited to the Maturity. Likewise \$50 of each March 2-year-old filly payment and \$250 of the February 3-year-old filly payment may also be credited to the Maturity. The Society, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to adjust or eliminate the amounts of money in this distribution.

Image Waiver:

As a condition of participation in any Race or all Races, the Owner (“Owner”, which includes all beneficial owners at the time) of the nominated horse(s) (“Horse”) hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, successors, and assigns the absolute right to copyright and publish, use or reuse still and motion photographic images of their horses, drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents, in whole or in part, in composite or in distorted character, with or without use of names, in color or otherwise, for the purpose of promotion, advertising, trade or other lawful purpose in any and all media. Owner waives any right to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the copy that may be used in connection therewith or the use to which it might be applied. Owner further agrees to inform his drivers, trainers, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Society herein, to hold the Society harmless from any and all liability and damages, and to indemnify the Society from same should any such owner(s), driver(s), trainer(s), employee(s), officer(s) and agent(s) challenge the Society’s rights as set forth above.

Testing Waiver And Consent:

As a further condition of participation in any Race or all Races and which are private events owned by the Hambletonian Society, Inc. (“Society”), the Owner of the nominated Horse which has been paid in to the Race as of February 15 in the year of the Race hereby grants to the Society, its representatives, employees and

agents, including a licensed veterinarian designated by the Society, and assigns the absolute right and authority to:

- 1.) Conduct one or more physical examinations of the Horse at any time prior to the Race, regardless of where it is stabled;
- 2.) Draw blood and other specimens one or more times from the Horse for immediate testing;
- 3.) Freeze or otherwise preserve split-samples of the specimens for future testing and send such samples to a laboratory designated by the Society and;
- 4.) Require, at the sole discretion of the Society, the Horse to stable on the grounds of the Track where the Race is being contested or other designated premises for a reasonable period of time prior to the Race which will be specified by the Society.

After declaration and until the day of the Race, the detection in the Horse of evidence of blood doping agents including, but not limited to, the following: human recombinant erythropoietin, darbepoetin, continuous erythropoietin receptor activator (CERA), Mircera®, Aranesp®, Oxyglobin®, or Hemopure®, or myo-inositol-trispyrophosphate (ITPP) shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in scratching or disqualification of the Horse from the Race and forfeiture by the Owner of the Entrance Fee, whether or not actually paid but which is due at the time of declaration:

Note: The Society may interpret “evidence of blood doping agents” to include elevated titers of anti-recombinant antibodies of these agents.

If such evidence is detected after the Eliminations and before the Final of the Race, this shall result in the disqualification of the Horse in the official result of the Elimination, the loss of the purse, if any, and the immediate return of any forfeited purse funds to the Society for redistribution and the Horse will not be allowed to start in the Final. If the evidence is detected after the Final of the Race but prior to the distribution of the purse of the Final, this shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in the disqualification of the Horse in the official results of the Elimination and the Final, the loss of the purse, if any, and the immediate return of any forfeited purse funds earned in the Elimination to the Society for redistribution.

If any of the above drugs, medications, substances, or other prohibited substances as described above are detected in future testing of the split-sample taken from the Horse, it shall be considered a violation of these conditions and will result in the disqualification of the Horse, the loss of the purse, if any, and shall require immediate return of any forfeited purse funds to the Society for redistribution.

Should the Society determine that, as a result of any of the above procedures or otherwise, a possible violation of state or provincial racing Commission or Board Rules, including but not limited to rules concerning prohibited substances and/or procedures has occurred, the matter will be referred to the Commission or Board for possible additional action.

The Owner agrees to fully co-operate with the Society to require that his trainer, employees or agents make the Horse available to have blood drawn on demand and/or be examined as described above without prior notice. The Owner understands and agrees that failure to provide access to the Horse or otherwise not co-operating with the Society, its representatives, employees and agents, including a licensed veterinarian designated by the Society, in the exercise of the rights granted herein, may result in scratching the Horse from the Race and forfeiture of the Starting Fee. The Owner further agrees to notify his drivers, trainers, veterinarians, employees, officers and agents of the authority granted to the Society herein, to hold the Society and the Track harmless and indemnify the Society, the association and the Track, its representatives,

agents, officers, directors and employees from any and all claims, liability, damages and attorney's fees which may result from any challenge by any such Owner, drivers, trainers, veterinarians, employees, officers and agents or other third parties to the Society's rights as set forth above.

In the event of a post-Race disqualification and redistribution of purse funds paid out, the Owner also agrees to indemnify the Society, the Track, their representatives, officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims, liability, damages, expenses and attorney's fees which any of them may incur in attempting to recover the funds from the Owner, trainer and driver and to redistribute said funds. The owners, trainers and drivers of these horses which are due these funds under the disqualification also agree that the Society, and the Track have no liability for any delay in the recovery or transmission of the funds.

Racing Conditions For The Hambletonian (Open) & The Hambletonian Oaks:

Both the Open and Oaks will be raced under the following conditions:

- 1.) **Distance.** All races to be contested at one mile.
- 2.) **Draw.** Post positions for all eliminations races will be determined by an open draw. Elimination winners will draw for post positions number one through five in the final. All other finalists will be placed in an open draw for the remaining post positions.
- 3.) **Single Dash.** If 13 or fewer horses are declared to start, the race will be run as a single dash with up to three (3) trailing horse(s) in a second tier and no elimination races are required. If 14 or more horses are declared to start, the race will be run with elimination heats. Post positions for the eliminations will be determined by an open draw.
- 4.) **Elimination Plans -- Heats in the Same Day or in the Previous Week:** Elimination heats for the Open, if necessary, will be raced the same day as the Final, or in the previous week as determined by the Society. That format will be announced by the Society prior to the February 15th 3-year-old payment. The winner of the Final will be the winner of the Race, regardless of where the horse finished in their elimination. Elimination heats for the Oaks, if necessary, may be raced the same day as the Final, or may be scheduled the prior week.

With the intention to make fields of equal caliber, eliminations will be seeded by a predetermined formula based on money earnings, as well as the rules of the New Jersey Racing Commission regarding the separation of common ownership and trainer interests; the precise procedure to be determined and published by the Society.

- 4a.) If more than 13, but not more than 20 horses are declared to start, two (2) elimination races will be held and the first five (5) horses in the official order of finish from each race will return providing ten (10) horses for the Final. In the event of a dead heat for a last position to qualify or advance to the Final, a fifth place horse that was not in a dead heat, will have preference over any fifth place horse finishing in the dead heat.
- 4b.) If more than 20, but not more than 30 horses are declared to start, three (3) elimination races will be held and, if there are no dead heats for the last qualifying positions, the first three (3) horses in the official order of finish from each race will return for the Final, plus the one (1) horse finishing fourth with the highest lifetime earnings, to provide ten (10) horses for the Final. In the event of a dead-heat for third in one or more of these three (3) elimination races, the dead-heat hors-

es with the highest lifetime earnings would advance to the Final. As above, third place horse(s) that were not in the dead heat, will have preference over any of those third place horses in any elimination races having a dead heat(s).

- 4c.) If more than 30, but not more than 40 horses are declared to start, four (4) elimination races will be held and the first two (2) horses in the official order of finish will return for the Final plus the two (2) horses finishing third with the highest lifetime earnings, if necessary, to provide ten (10) horses for the Final in a manner consistent with the above procedures.
- 4d.) If more than 40 horses are declared to start, eliminations will be held and ten (10) horses will return for the Final with dead-heat qualifiers advancing to the Final race based on the horse's lifetime earnings, consistent with the provisions described above.
- 4e.) If any of the designated ten (10) finalists are withdrawn from the Final and scratched by the judges, the next "Also Eligible" will take its place.
- 5.) **Also Eligibles.** In addition, two horses will be selected from those in the eliminations that do not qualify for the Final to be designated "Also Eligible" ("AE") for each Final. The preference to determine which is the first "Also Eligible" ("AE1") shall be determined by taking the horse that placed highest in the official order of finish of all elimination divisions, but did not qualify for the Final; in the event horses are equal in the finish position, final preference will be determined by the highest lifetime earnings. The other horse will be the second "Also Eligible" ("AE2").
- 6.) **Breaking Ties.** If two or more horses tie (including dead-heats) for the last qualifying position or positions in the finish of any elimination race(s), thereby "qualifying" more horses than can be accommodated in a single tier (10 horses), the remaining qualifying horses to advance to the Final shall be selected based on a horse's lifetime earnings, as compiled by the USTA, including any elimination race earnings. Once the single tier has been filled, all other tied horses shall be deemed eliminated.

If there are elimination races, qualifying horses that did not finish in a dead-heat in one elimination race shall receive preference over any horses with the same official order of finish where a dead-heat resulted in another elimination race.

Finally if, and only if, tied horses have equal lifetime money earnings, preference will be determined by lot.

- 7.) **Replacing Scratched Horses.** Scratched horses in the Open and Oaks will be replaced in the following manner:
 - 7a.) If eliminations are required when heats are raced on the same day and post positions for the Final heat have not been drawn, the AE horse(s) will take its place in the normal draw. No scratched horses will be replaced after post positions have been drawn for the Final.
 - 7b.) If eliminations are required the prior week and post positions have already been drawn, the AE1 horse will assume the position on the outside of the remaining starters in the order determined in the above paragraph 4. The AE2 horse, if drawn in by a second scratched horse, will start outside the AE1 horse. No horse will be moved into the Race as a replacement after the official "scratch time" deadline for publication of the official program, unless the "also eligible" horse(s) have been published in the official program in accordance with racing commission rules.

Drivers and Trainers Fees:

The drivers and trainers fees may be disbursed in accordance with the policy of the Track at the time of the Race.

Protests, Investigations and/or Disputes:

In the event of any protest, investigation or dispute with respect to the results of the Hambletonian Stake No. 98 or any Races related thereto, the Society may, if it is in possession of the purse, at its option deliver the purse, or the disputed portion thereof, to the Track which shall hold such purse in a segregated interest-bearing bank account, to be disbursed by the Track following the final binding and non-appealable determination of any such protest, investigation or dispute. Further, the Owner shall hold the Society and the Track, their officers, directors, members, employees and agents harmless from, against and in respect of any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, judgment, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) resulting from any such protest, investigation or dispute.

Disputes:

In the case of any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions, the decision of the Executive Committee of The Hambletonian Society, Inc. shall be final. All fees and payments in any race are accepted on the condition that all claims, objections and appeals arising out of these Races or with respect to any interpretation of any rules or conditions of the Races, or otherwise shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Hambletonian Society, Inc., which decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Any appeal rights which the owner shall otherwise have are waived.

The Hambletonian Society, Inc, at its sole discretion as to what it determines to be in the best interest of the Races, reserves the right to refuse the participation of any entry or proposed entry.

Any horse owned or trained by an owner or trainer who is arrested, indicted or is the subject of a filed governmental criminal information charging such person with administering, selling, sponsoring or encouraging the sale or use of illegal medications or the illegal or unethical treatment of animals will be ineligible to race in any of the races owned by The Hambletonian Society, Inc. Such ineligibility shall commence on the date of such arrest, indictment or information and continue for a minimum of 60 days from the time of the transfer of ownership of the horse and/or the change of trainers to a bona fide separate and unrelated licensed owner or trainer, as the case may be. All payments may be subject to forfeiture.

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HAMBLETONIAN[®] STAKE NO. 98

Owned & Serviced by the Hambletonian Society, Inc; Hosted by the New Meadowlands Racetrack

Second Leg of the Trotting Triple Crown; 3-Year-Old Open Trot in 2023 - \$1,000,000

Saturday, August 5, 2023 at The Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, New Jersey

Eliminations, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, July 29

An Entrance fee of \$15,000 is due with the declaration by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
AIR POWER	C	Muscle Hill	Beyond Blue	Bluegrass Staking Service
ANOINTED	C	Tactical Landing	Graceful Touch	Bluegrass Staking Service
BESHEAR	C	Tactical Landing	Twice Is Right	Bluegrass Staking Service
BOURBON COURAGE	C	You Know You Do	Luv U All	Bluegrass Staking Service
BRACE FOR LANDING	C	Tactical Landing	Solveig	Joanne's Staking Service
BRIGHT EXPECTATION	C	Cantab Hall	Exceed Expectation	Bluegrass Staking Service
BRODEUR	C	Tactical Landing	Sleep Tight My Luv	ACL Farm LLC
CAPTAINJACKSPARROW	C	Calchips Brute	Sari Maki Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
CELEBRITY BAMBINO	C	Muscle Hill	Celebrity Ruth	Bluegrass Staking Service
CHALLENGER	C	Muscle Hill	Atonement	Bluegrass Staking Service
CHAMBA	C	Cantab Hall	Springaround	Bluegrass Staking Service
CHEVAL NOIR	C	Donato Hanover	Crazy Grigio	Bluegrass Staking Service
CHEZACTIC	C	Tactical Landing	Chezatter	Bluegrass Staking Service
COUNTRY DAGGER	C	Crazy Wow	Diamond Dagger	Hoosier Hoofprints
COVID NINETEEN	C	Muscles Yankee	Ching Ching	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
CRAFT MADE	C	Walner	Woodshopper	Joanne's Staking Service
CRANTINI	C	International Moni	Peach Martini	Joanne's Staking Service
CROWN	C	Chapter Seven	Amour Heiress	Bluegrass Staking Service
CYPRESS HANOVER	C	Muscle Hill	Cedar Dove	Bluegrass Staking Service
D'APPER	C	Walner	D'one	Bluegrass Staking Service
DAHLQUIST HANOVER	C	Walner	Dangle Then Deke	Joanne's Staking Service
DESIGNER DRINK	C	Bar Hopping	Designable	Bluegrass Staking Service
DEVILISH HILL	C	Muscle Hill	Devilish Delight	Bluegrass Staking Service
DIRE STRAITS	C	Muscle Hill	Southwind Cocoa	Bluegrass Staking Service
DJIMON	C	Tactical Landing	Sheena's Shadow	Joanne's Staking Service
DOUBLE DIPPIN	C	Walner	Borrow And Spend	Bluegrass Staking Service

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
DRINK UP DRINK UP	C	Trixtan	Homefortheholidays	Bluegrass Staking Service
DYLADMAR	C	Muscle Hill	Sahalee	Bluegrass Staking Service
ESPRESSO	G	Chapter Seven	Biscotti	Bluegrass Staking Service
EXCALIBUR BI	C	Muscle Hill	Vita Bella Bi	Bluegrass Staking Service
FATHER STOSH	C	Father Patrick	Ebbtide Hall	Bernard M O'Brien
FLAMING ROADS	C	Tactical Landing	For A Dancer	Bluegrass Staking Service
FRENCH WINE	C	Bar Hopping	Creamy Mimi	Bluegrass Staking Service
GAINES HANOVER	G	Cantab Hall	Gatka Hanover	Gestion Jean Yves Blais Inc.
GATES HANOVER	C	Walner	Good Common Cents	Bluegrass Staking Service
GHOSTLY CASPER	C	Resolve	Cool Creek Breeze	Joanne's Staking Service
HERODOTUS	C	Bar Hopping	Regal Woman	Bluegrass Staking Service
HEZA SCOUNDREL	G	E L Titan	Bone A Fide	Jim Shupe
IGNATIUS HANOVER	C	Muscle Hill	I'm On Cloud Nine	Bluegrass Staking Service
INTER MISCHIEF	C	International Moni	Blinded By Lindy	Frank E Chick
INTERNATIONAL MAN	C	International Moni	Birthright	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
KENOBI	C	Father Patrick	Passageway	Bluegrass Staking Service
KIERKEGAARD K	C	Chapter Seven	Gone Baby Gone S	Bluegrass Staking Service
KILMISTER	C	Chapter Seven	Treviso	Bluegrass Staking Service
KIMMERIDGIAN	C	Walner	Foxy Fantasy	Bluegrass Staking Service
KING TRIX	C	Trixtan	Queen Serene	Joanne's Staking Service
KRAKEN	C	Father Patrick	Mistress Valentine	Bluegrass Staking Service
KRUISE ON DOVER	C	Dover Dan	Keystone Sadie	Bluegrass Staking Service
LITTLE EXPENSIVE	C	Muscle Hill	Seviyorum	Bluegrass Staking Service
LOWRY	C	Father Patrick	Hustle Heart	Joanne's Staking Service
LUKE'S BAR	C	Bar Hopping	Lukes Sophie	Joanne's Staking Service
MILLIONDOLLARRIDE	C	Walner	Marion Millionair	Bluegrass Staking Service
MUNK	C	Muscle Hill	Alloveragain	Bluegrass Staking Service
NOVEL	C	Father Patrick	Anywhere With You	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
OH WELL	C	Muscle Hill	Fine Tuned Lady	Bluegrass Staking Service
ONCE IN A LIFETIME	C	Father Patrick	Sherrys Lady	Bluegrass Staking Service
ONE HUNDRED POOF	C	Muscle Hill	Poof She's Gone	Bluegrass Staking Service
ONION GUM	C	Chapter Seven	Prinsessa	Bluegrass Staking Service
OSCEOLA	C	Muscle Mass	Armbro Exquisite	Bluegrass Staking Service
OVERKILL HALL	C	International Moni	On With The Show	Bluegrass Staking Service
PARAMOUNT LEGEND N	C	Father Patrick	Paramount Queen	Bluegrass Staking Service
PEDAL ON METAL	C	Father Patrick	Womans Will	ACL Farm LLC
POINT OF PERFECT	C	Walner	Southwind Fiat	Bluegrass Staking Service
POLO BAR	C	Father Patrick	Designed To Be	Bluegrass Staking Service
PRINCE OF HONOR	C	Walner	Princess Aurora	Bluegrass Staking Service
PURPLE LORD	C	Tactical Landing	Paige Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
RAISEALITTLEHILL	C	Muscle Hill	Kristine Anne	Joanne's Staking Service
SEVEN SINS	C	Chapter Seven	Isolde	Bluegrass Staking Service

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
SMOOTH LANDING	C	Tactical Landing	Ostrich Blue Chip	Bluegrass Staking Service
SNOWPIERCER	C	Muscle Mass	Wheely Quick	Joanne's Staking Service
SOUTHWIND ADMIRAL	C	Tactical Landing	Amber Ella	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
SOUTHWIND COORS	C	Walner	Southwind Cabaret	Joanne's Staking Service
SPARKS FLY	C	Bar Hopping	New Wrinkle	Bluegrass Staking Service
STANDINGONTHE SAND	C	Walner	Sobti Hanover	Joanne's Staking Service
TACTICAL APPROACH	C	Tactical Landing	Sarcy	Bluegrass Staking Service
TE AMO LINDY	C	Muscle Hill	Lovely Lindy	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
TEMPLETON	C	Muscle Mass	Dornello	Bluegrass Staking Service
THE GRUFFALO	C	Chapter Seven	Clementine Dream	Bluegrass Staking Service
THREE CHERRYS	G	Deweycheatumnhowe	Cherry Lane	Joseph A DiNicola
THUNDEROUSLY	C	Walner	Anikawiesahalee	Joanne's Staking Service
TILLIO'S ACTION	C	E L Titan	Nothing But Nice	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
TUSCAN PRINCE	C	Kadabra	Tosca	Joanne's Staking Service
UP YOUR DEO	C	Walner	Grand Stand	Bluegrass Staking Service
UPSTAGED	C	Muscle Hill	Stage Fright	Bluegrass Staking Service
USEYOURLOVETONIGHT	C	Chapter Seven	Falling In Love	Bluegrass Staking Service
VEGAS WANIA	C	Father Patrick	Random Destiny	Riina Rekila
VELOCIRAPTOR	C	Father Patrick	Southwind Adele	Bluegrass Staking Service
VOLUME EIGHT	C	Chapter Seven	Lass A Rope	Bluegrass Staking Service
WALLANDAR	C	Walner	Glitzey Gal	Bluegrass Staking Service
WHIFFLE HANOVER	C	Cantab Hall	Winbak Maya	Bluegrass Staking Service
WHISKEY BENDER	C	You Know You Do	Whisk Hanover	Ivan Hawthorne
WILD BILL KELSO	C	Crazy Wow	Broadway Jo Ell	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
WINNER'S BET	C	Walner	Side Bet Hanover	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.

93 Trotting Colts & Geldings

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THE HAMBLETONIAN® OAKS

3-Year-Old Filly Trot in 2023 - \$500,000 Guaranteed

Saturday, August 5, 2023 at The Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, New Jersey

Eliminations, if necessary, will be raced Saturday, July 29

An Entrance fee of \$7,500 is due with the declaration by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
A GOOD CHARDONNAY	F	Walner	Vintage Oaks	Bluegrass Staking Service
ALDEBARAN BURST	F	Walner	Blue Diamonds	Bluegrass Staking Service
ALL A TWITTER	F	Muscle Hill	S M S Princess	Bluegrass Staking Service
ANGELPEDIA	F	Cantab Hall	Baker Black Jet	Bluegrass Staking Service
ANOTHER LIKE ME	F	Muscle Hill	Stubborn Belle	Bluegrass Staking Service
ARDELLA	F	Bar Hopping	Pine Yankee	Bluegrass Staking Service
BABY OIL	F	Walner	Cee Bee Yes	Bluegrass Staking Service
BABY TAKE A VOW	F	Father Patrick	Mazda Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
BARCELONA PRINCESS	F	Bar Hopping	Treasure Dreams	Bluegrass Staking Service
BARONESS HILL	F	Kadabra	Secret Passion	Joanne's Staking Service
BELIEVE U ME	F	Muscle Mass	I Believe	Bluegrass Staking Service
BELLA CIAO	F	Muscle Hill	Ciao Dolce	Bluegrass Staking Service
BELLA MACCHIATO	F	Bar Hopping	Sorbet Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
BINGHAM PLACE	F	Chapter Seven	Scream And Shout	Bluegrass Staking Service
BLONDE BOMBSHELL	F	Walner	Hey Blondie	Bluegrass Staking Service
BOND	F	Southwind Frank	Boccone Dolce	Bluegrass Staking Service
BOUDICCA	F	Father Patrick	Demoiselle Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
BUBZARELLIE	F	Tactical Landing	The Power Of Many	Bluegrass Staking Service
CANDO VOLO	F	Cantab Hall	No I'm Not	Bluegrass Staking Service
CANTERBURY HANOVER	F	Chapter Seven	Charmed Life	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
CHECK HER OUT	F	Tactical Landing	Check Me Out	Bluegrass Staking Service
CROATIA	F	Walner	Susy	Bluegrass Staking Service
CYBERSPACE	F	Walner	Southwind Serena	Bluegrass Staking Service
DEFACEMENT	F	Muscle Hill	Thatsnotmyname	Bluegrass Staking Service
EMIRA MIL IT	F	Face Time Bourbon	Sunshine Bi	Bluegrass Staking Service
EXILE	F	Walner	Swan Hot Mama	Bluegrass Staking Service
FASHION ANNIE	F	Donato Hanover	Fashion Athena	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
FOOLISH GAMES	F	Tactical Landing	Jewels In Hock	Bluegrass Staking Service
GIGI HANOVER	F	Chapter Seven	Glad All Over	Bluegrass Staking Service
GOO FOR BROKE	F	Googoo Gaagaa	Hs Carry On	Betts Equine Performance LLC
GRAB DA MONI	F	International Moni	Gradabra	Bluegrass Staking Service

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
GRACEFUL PATTY	F	Father Patrick	Princess Stephanie	Bluegrass Staking Service
GUIDING STAR	F	Tactical Landing	Bavarde	Bluegrass Staking Service
HEART ON FIRE	F	Father Patrick	Corazon Blue Chip	Bluegrass Staking Service
HEAVEN HANOVER	F	Father Patrick	Hillarmbro	Bluegrass Staking Service
HL FAITHY	F	International Moni	Myth	Bluegrass Staking Service
IF THE SHOE FITS	F	Father Patrick	Fancy Colors	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
IN ITALIAN	F	Chapter Seven	Hemi Blue Chip	Bluegrass Staking Service
INSTAGRAM MODEL	F	Chapter Seven	Check Out Trixie	Bluegrass Staking Service
KADDARI	F	Walner	Munis Blue Chip	Bluegrass Staking Service
KARABOUDJAN	F	Walner	Noblesse Blue Chip	Bluegrass Staking Service
KAYLEIGH S	F	Chapter Seven	Pasithea Face S	Bluegrass Staking Service
LAST PAGE FIRST	F	Chapter Seven	Kelsey's Keepsake	Joanne's Staking Service
LIE IN WAIT	F	Southwind Frank	Cruella De Ville	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
LIFE ITSELF	F	Walner	Inspired By Life	Bluegrass Staking Service
LILLEHAMMER HALL	F	Andover Hall	Contender Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
LINDYS IRISHCREAM	F	Father Patrick	Gin And Lindy	Joanne's Staking Service
MAIDEN VOYAGE	F	Muscle Hill	Earn Your Wings	Bluegrass Staking Service
MAMBACITA	F	Tactical Landing	Bill's Lady	Bluegrass Staking Service
MANDRILL	F	Chapter Seven	Steamy Windows	Bluegrass Staking Service
MILLIONDOLLARWALL	F	Walner	Mom's Millionaire	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
MIRASOL S	F	Muscle Hill	Naga Morich S	Bluegrass Staking Service
MISS EXPO	F	Alarm Detector	World Class Image	Thomas Rankin
MOMMAMIA VOLO	F	Tactical Landing	Margarita Momma	Bluegrass Staking Service
MONI LISA	F	Walner	Gran Cavalla	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
NETWORK EXTENDER	F	Walner	Promisemethis	Bluegrass Staking Service
PIANO BAR	F	Bar Hopping	Fly Angel Fly	Bluegrass Staking Service
PICABOO LADY	F	Swan For All	Love To Win	Bluegrass Staking Service
PORTULACA	F	Donato Hanover	Motivational	Kathleen La Montagne
PRIDE N JOY	F	E L Titan	Princess Lilly	Bluegrass Staking Service
PROUD TO BE LINDY	F	Muscle Hill	Lindys Lullaby	Joanne's Staking Service
PURE HOPE S	F	Brillantissime	Final Hope	Bluegrass Staking Service
QUEEN CAMILLE	F	Muscle Hill	D'orsay	Bluegrass Staking Service
QUICK STOP	F	Tactical Landing	Falls For You	ACL Farm LLC
QUIETLY BRILLIANT	F	Muscle Hill	Tanya's Dance	Bluegrass Staking Service
RAILEE SOMETHING	F	International Moni	Railee Priti	Bluegrass Staking Service
RIGHTEOUS RESOLVE	F	Resolve	Motown Muscle	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
ROYAL FILLY	F	Chapter Seven	Swinging Royalty	Bluegrass Staking Service
RUTH HONIG	F	Chapter Seven	Lady Grey	Bluegrass Staking Service
SADIE HANOVER	F	Chapter Seven	Southwind Percy	Bluegrass Staking Service
SECRET VOLO	F	Walner	Secret Serenity	Bluegrass Staking Service
SHINEY SUNDAY	F	Muscle Hill	Sunshine Delight	Bluegrass Staking Service
SILLY ME HANOVER	F	Walner	Shared Past	Joanne's Staking Service

Horse	Sex	Sire	Dam	Nominator
SISTER ACT	F	Father Patrick	Amourato	Joanne's Staking Service
SOUTHWIND CERVEZA	F	Walner	Catch All	Joanne's Staking Service
SOUTHWIND DESI	F	Muscle Hill	Drinking Class	Bluegrass Staking Service
SPECIAL WAY	F	Walner	Special Hill	Bluegrass Staking Service
STONEBRIDGE AGATE	F	Muscle Mass	Stonebridge Cream	Joanne's Staking Service
SWANKY HANOVER	F	Muscle Hill	Secret Magic	Bluegrass Staking Service
SWEET STORY	F	Chapter Seven	Honey Honey	Bluegrass Staking Service
SWEET TACTICS	F	Tactical Landing	Buck I St Pat	Bluegrass Staking Service
TACTICAL PLANNER	F	Tactical Landing	Dressed To Impress	Bluegrass Staking Service
TACTICAL TAKEOFF	F	Tactical Landing	Armbro Deja Vu	Bluegrass Staking Service
THE WISE ONE	F	Muscle Hill	Grandma's Moni	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
TIPSY MONI	F	International Moni	Seaside	Douglas R Ackerman
TOTALLY RELENTLESS	F	Bar Hopping	Snowflake Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
TOULOUSE LAUTREC	F	Tactical Landing	Clarabelle	Bluegrass Staking Service
ULI BLUE CHIP	F	Father Patrick	Defiantsnowfashion	Bluegrass Staking Service
UNA MADONNA	F	Tactical Landing	Unica Donna It	Bluegrass Staking Service
UNICORN BLUE CHIP	F	Chapter Seven	Dunk The Donato	Bluegrass Staking Service
WALNER PAYTON	F	Walner	Lonely Lady	Bluegrass Staking Service
WALOVER	F	Walner	Anonyme Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
WARRAWEE YES	F	Walner	Sound Check	Joanne's Staking Service
WEDDING DANCER	F	Muscle Mass	Haul'n Fanny	Bluegrass Staking Service
WILD JIGGY S	F	International Moni	Hot Mess Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
WIND CHIME	F	Father Patrick	Wind Stroll	Bluegrass Staking Service
WON LINER	F	Walner	Won Ton Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
WOOLCO	F	Chapter Seven	Upside Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
YES PLEASE	F	Father Patrick	Speak To Me	Bluegrass Staking Service

99 Trotting Fillies

192 Total Eligibles

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THE HAMBLETONIAN® MATURITY STAKE NO. 97

Owned & Serviced by the Hambletonian Society, Inc.; Hosted by The New Meadowlands Racetrack

4-Year-Old Open Trot in 2023 - \$400,000 Estimated

To race on Saturday, July 15, at The Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ

An Entrance fee of \$8,000 is due with the declaration by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11

Horse	Gender	Sire	Dam	Nominator
BRANDED BY LINDY	H	Chapter Seven	The Lindy Label	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
COOL PAPA BELL	G	Chapter Seven	Blk Thai Optional	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
DUCASSE	G	Father Patrick	Summer Savory	Bluegrass Staking Service
FASHION SCHOONER	M	Walner	Broadway Schooner	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
FAST AS THE WIND	H	Cantab Hall	Wind Stroll	Bluegrass Staking Service
GOLDEN WALL AS	H	Walner	Golden Door Lindy	ACL Farm LLC
JAQEN H'GHAR	G	Walner	Windowshopper	Bluegrass Staking Service
JIGGY JOG S	M	Walner	Hot Mess Hanover	Bluegrass Staking Service
JONAS K S	H	Centurion	Crown Classic	Bluegrass Staking Service
JOVIALITY S	M	Chapter Seven	Pasithea Face S	Bluegrass Staking Service
JUSTICE	H	Chapter Seven	Religulous	Bluegrass Staking Service
KEG STAND	H	Bar Hopping	Palm Beach Bi	Bluegrass Staking Service
LOOKS LIKE MONI	G	Muscle Hill	Thats All Moni	Joanne's Staking Service
MISSWALNER FASHION	M	Walner	Sweet Love	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
M-M'S DREAM	M	Swan For All	Trading Places	Bluegrass Staking Service
MOLOTOV COCKTAIL	H	Chapter Seven	Moonlight Cocktail	Bluegrass Staking Service
PRETENDER	H	Muscle Hill	Maven	Bluegrass Staking Service
RAISED BY LINDY	M	Walner	Birthright	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
SAUNDRA	M	Resolve	World Class Image	THOMAS RANKIN
SLAY	H	Chapter Seven	Swinging Royalty	Bluegrass Staking Service
SWAN CAPTAIN	G	Swan For All	Yoga	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
TESTING TESTING	H	Walner	Sound Check	Bluegrass Staking Service
TORRONE	G	Father Patrick	With Sugar	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.
TWIN B ARCHIE	G	Archangel	Affair Hall	Joanne's Staking Service
WARRAWEE XENIA	M	Walner	Endless Flirt	Joanne's Staking Service
YANABA	M	Trixtion	Zanna Royal	Chapmans Staking Service, Inc.

17 Trotting Horses/Geldings

9 Trotting Mares

26 Total Eligibles

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Hambletonian Maturity No. 97



THE HAMBLETONIAN FORMAT

The conditions under which the Hambletonian is raced are opened each year at the Annual Meeting of the Hambletonian Society board. Any changes to the conditions must occur before payments are accepted on the yearling crop that will race under those conditions. They must also adhere to certain stipulations in the Society's by-laws. Below is a timeline for the changes in the race format or conditions.

- 1957** With 21 starters, the Hambletonian was conducted in the standard racing plan of the day: two divisions, each racing heats. Hickory Smoke won both his heats and then defeated the filly, Hoot Song, who won both heats in her division, in the final race-off between the two. Hickory Smoke was the only horse ever required to win three heats to take home the Hambletonian trophy. Hoot Song is the only horse to win two heats and not win the Hambletonian.
- 1963** Race conditions were changed to allow eliminations if the number of entries required more than two tiers of starters (21 or more).
- 1974** For the first time, the elimination plan was implemented in the Hambletonian; only the first five finishers came back from each elimination division of eleven starters for a second heat. It marked the first year that a starter could be eliminated and that every starter would not have at least two opportunities to win. Over the years five different winners have finished worse than fifth their first heat (Bill Gallon, 1941; Sharp Note, 1952; Helicopter, 1953; Bonefish, 1975; Steve Lobell, 1976) and thus would have been eliminated.
- 1980** Conditions limit the maximum Hambletonian field to 16 before being split into eliminations.
- 1981** Conditions were changed to rule out the Hambletonian going a fourth heat race-off; the 1981 race was decided in three heats.
- 1986** Conditions limited the Hambletonian field to 14 before splitting into eliminations.
- 1991** The requirement for the race winner to win two heats was dropped in the Hambletonian conditions.

Field was limited to 10 with no trailers, before splitting into eliminations. If less than 10 are entered there will be one dash for the trophy and the \$1,200,000 total purse.

From 1926 to 1954 only six monies were paid in the Hambletonian under the placing system which rewarded a horse's overall performance in each of the heats. From 1955 to 1962 only the first four horses in the placing were awarded money. Some years the winner took home anywhere from 55% to 70% of the total purse. There were also breeders awards of 2%. From 1963 to 1990 five monies were paid out under the placing system. As of 1991 the placing system was dropped and the standard five monies are now paid in each heat or dash.

It's written into the conditions that no horse shall be permitted to race in the Open or the Oaks with Phenylbutazone (Butazolidin™) or Furosemide (Salix™, formerly Lasix). The Open, Oaks and Hambletonian Maturity are the only races in North American horse racing prohibiting race-day medication.

- 1992** Largest number of starters (27) to date in the Hambletonian needed three elimination divisions for the first time. Because of the no-trailer rule when elims are raced, the race has gone to three elims from 2000-2003, 2007-2010 and in 2012 & 2013.

Alf Palema became the first horse to win the Hambletonian by winning a single heat — the final.

- 1996** Should two or more horses tie for the final position(s) on the gate for the final by virtue of their finish in the elimination race or races, preference shall be given to the horse(s) with the highest lifetime earnings, as compiled by the U.S.T.A. and including the elimination race earnings.

THE HAMBLETONIAN FORMAT

1997 With Hambletonian No. 72, for the first time, eliminations for the Hambletonian and the Hambletonian Oaks, if necessary, will be contested the prior week. Malabar Man, a winner of his elim the week prior, also won the final.

Elimination races will be now be seeded to balance the fields.

The post positions for the final will be determined by an open draw.

2003 There were a record 28 entries in the Hambletonian.

2005 The final purse in the Open will be no less than \$1,500,000 and \$750,000 for the final of the Oaks; Meadowlands contract extended through 2009.

2007 Elimination winners may pick their post positions beginning with Hambletonian No. 82, the race of 2007.

2008 The provision for two “Also Eligibles” was eliminated and race conditions were modified to allow one trailer and one dash if 11 are entered. This scenario would occur in 2014, when just 11 trotters entered a race won by Trixton.

2009 The right to examine and test entrants prior to race day(s) for blood doping agents (i.e. EPO, etc.) was made a condition of entry.

2010 In Hambletonian No. 87, the race of 2012, the provision for “also eligibles” is reinstated. Up to two horses may be designated as “Also Eligibles” and replace horses scratched from the Final.

2012 An agreement to host the Hambletonian, the flagship event at The Meadowlands Racetrack for 30 years, was finalized between leaseholder Jeff Gural and the Hambletonian Society, which owns and administers the Hambletonian Stake. A new race for four-year-old trotters, the Hambletonian Maturity, was created, with funding begun in 2012 for a race in 2014.

2013 The conditions of Hambletonian No. 88 to be raced in 2013, called for the Open race to revert to the heat format utilized from 1991-1996, with eliminations, if necessary, raced on the same afternoon as the final. Should 13 or fewer horses enter, there will be one dash for the purse. Elimination heats for the Oaks, if necessary, may be raced the same day as the Final, or may be scheduled the prior week. Elimination winners draw for inside posts 1-5. Also eligibles for the final heat of the Hambletonian were removed.

In 2013, the purse for the Hambletonian final was guaranteed at \$1 million, but payments for the Hambletonian and the companion filly event, the Hambletonian Oaks, were lowered, and all finalists will receive purse money.

In 2014 a \$400,000 Hambletonian Maturity for eligible four-year-old trotters will be implemented, in keeping with the effort to provide incentives races for owners who choose to race their horses after their sophomore year. The Maturity will be raced as a single dash at a mile and an eighth, allow a maximum of 16 starters and have a purse structure that pays all starters.

2014 In the races of 2014 and 2015 the provision for also eligibles was restored to both the Open and the Oaks.

2019 The Hambletonian Society renewed its contract with the Meadowlands through 2025, with eliminations now raced the week before the final, beginning in 2020.

HAMBLETONIAN DAY

BETTING & ATTENDANCE (Meadowlands)

Year (#Div/Elim)	Atten.	Total Handle	Live Handle	Track Cond.	1st Div/ 1st Heat	2nd Div/ 1st Heat	3rd Heat/ Final	Race-Off/ Final	Total	Races
2022	15,669	8,753,234	781,209	Fast	220,060	239,776		1,273,649	1,722,900	16
2021	14,346	7,588,285	790,398	Fast	340,358	311,908		866,008	1,518,274	16
2020	1,020****	5,730,615	255,675	Fast	300,437	235,990		967,158	1,503,585	16
↑↑↑ NEW MEADOWLANDS GRANDSTAND ELIMINATIONS WEEK PRIOR ↑↑↑										
2019 (2)	19,101	7,304,021	1,011,482	Fast	599,581	606,191	523,164(F)		1,728,936	16
2018 (2)	18,252	6,887,906	1,084,763	Fast	552,552	406,279	405,958(F)		1,364,789	16
2017 (2)	18,356	7,342,798	1,117,406	Fast	556,596	421,038	338,060(F)		1,315,694	16
2016 (2)	20,122	6,975,124	1,216,846	Fast	558,612	638,554	698,395(F)		1,940,561	16
2015 (2)	21,968	7,895,616	1,272,575	Fast	509,507	413,601	513,842(F)		1,436,950	16
2014 (0)	20,764	8,739,953	1,280,854	Fast	885,065				885,065	15
↑↑↑ NEW MEADOWLANDS GRANDSTAND SAME DAY HEATS ↑↑↑										
2013 (3)^	24,210	7,660,205	1,648,015	Fast	701,576	571,550	557,943	760,319(F)	2,591,388	15
2012	25,037	7,837,627	1,649,386	Fast	571,536		1,071,029 (F)	1,012,574	1,584,110	15
2011	25,770	8,489,496	1,749,403	Fast	475,239		1,071,029 (F)		1,546,323	15
2010	26,712	8,391,601	1,827,064	Fast	738,243		1,340,066 (F)		2,078,309	15
2009	25,754	8,343,405	1,977,228	Fast	1,107,441		1,411,668 (F)		2,211,058	15
2008	25,006	8,265,660	2,125,024	Good	909,083		1,524,115 (F)		2,433,198	15
2007	26,115	8,219,779	2,525,120	Fast	714,119		1,622,786 (F)		2,336,905	15
2006	29,531	8,096,924	2,743,268	Fast	533,080		1,040,241 (F)		1,573,321	15
2005	31,245	9,015,019	3,398,009	Fast	641,839		1,179,428 (F)		1,821,267	15
2004	30,117	8,096,894	3,007,983	Fast	721,876		1,073,290 (F)		1,795,166	15
2003	29,120	8,038,687	3,174,512	Fast	868,902		1,234,827 (F)		2,103,729	15
2002	28,969	8,819,235	3,344,540	Fast	1,044,650		1,149,574 (F)		2,194,224 ***	17
2001	26,569	8,028,480	3,034,938	Fast	1,406,881		1,176,768 (F)		2,583,857	15
2000	30,026	7,724,420	3,212,542	Fast	1,088,192		1,181,094 (F)		2,425,760	15
1999	26,559	7,132,583	2,958,032	Fast	896,248		804,008 (F)		1,700,256	15
1998	25,873	6,503,302	2,832,687	Fast	582,835		848,165 (F)		1,431,000	15
1997 (3)	27,051	6,115,765	3,167,323	Fast	654,283		765,870 (F)		1,420,153	15
1996 (2)	28,229	5,819,226	3,139,833	Fast	312,074	300,910	624,658 (F)	-	1,237,692	15
1995 (2)	26,164	5,796,920	3,238,770	Fast	619,139	339,105	579,544 (F)	-	1,537,788	15
1994 (2)	30,322	4,920,537	3,532,438	Fast	413,759	382,297	577,525 (F)	-	1,373,581	16
1993 (2)	22,870	5,085,463	3,385,486	Fast	254,751	251,093	316,949 (F)	-	822,799	15
1992 (3)	23,274	3,533,276	3,533,276	Fast	236,654	250,406	377,490	\$397,116(F)	1,261,666	15
1991 (2)	22,210	3,564,789	3,132,599	Fast	289,824	287,228	279,196 (F)	-	856,248	15
1990 (2)	32,249	3,991,398	3,502,140	Fast	338,048	324,706	263,745 (F)	-	926,499	15
1989 (2)	34,161	3,940,083	3,691,593	Fast	332,663	300,351	-	*\$83,977(F)	716,991	15
1988 (2)	34,212	3,535,957	3,535,957	Fast	348,792	289,948	-	-	635,740	14
1987 (2)	32,456	4,062,906	3,718,354	Fast	482,681	319,502	374,862 (F)	-	1,177,045	14
1986 (2)	30,104	3,699,377	3,347,369	Fast	403,362	301,976	363,402 (F)	-	1,068,740	14
1985 (2)	37,562	3,699,377	4,412,057	Fast	340,446	383,547	290,899 (F)	-	1,014,892	14
1984 (3)	37,268	4,412,057	3,671,583	Fast	333,135	299,717	261,893 (F)	-	1,018,697	15
1983 (2)	36,784	3,682,593	3,632,593	Slpy	351,360	314,533	378,834 (F)	-	1,044,727	12
1982 (2)	23,153	2,857,503	2,857,503	Fast	277,585	357,726	283,369 (F)	-	818,680	11
1981 (3)	20,677	3,309,302	3,309,302	Slpy	216,114	297,748	267,325	\$128,008 (F)	909,195	10

All-Time Records Appear in **Bold**. * Win Betting Only, (F) Final.

Note: Figures starting in 1987 include simulcasting.

** Beginning in 1997, eliminations held one week prior to Final. *** In 2002, the Woodrow Wilson and Sweetheart Finals were added to the program when the prior night's races were canceled due to a severe electrical storm.

From 2013-2019 same-day heats were in force. ****COVID restricted attendance.

^ Heat racing in the original Meadowlands Grandstand.

HIGHS & LOWS, 1940–PRESENT

Highest Win Payoff
\$106.00 • Cool Papa Bell (2022)

Smallest Win Payoff
\$2.20 • Mack Lobell (1987)

Highest Place Payoff
\$28.40 • Spy Booth (2021)

Smallest Place Payoff
\$2.10 • Numerous horses

Highest Show Payoff
\$25.20 • Speedy Claude (1983)

Smallest Show Payoff
\$2.10 • Numerous Horses

Highest Handle
\$9,015,019 (2005)

Highest Total Pool
\$2,591,338 • (2013) With simulcasting;
\$1,068,740 • (1986) Without simulcasting

Highest Exacta
\$640.40 • Cool Papa Bell and Joviality S (2022)

Smallest Exacta
\$4.60 • Mack Lobell and Napoletano (1987)

Highest Trifecta
\$4,379.40 • Captain Corey, Spy Booth, Ambassador Hanover (2021)

Smallest Trifecta
\$14.60 • Ramona Hill, Ready For Moni, Back Of The Neck (2020)

*Payoffs reflect wagering on the Hambletonian Final. There was auction pool betting on the Hambletonian from 1926-1939. Pari-mutuel wagering began in 1940 at Goshen and continued until the race moved to DuQuoin in 1957. The event was non-wagering from 1957-1977, until pari-mutuel wagering was implemented at DuQuoin in 1978. It continues to be a wagering event.

BARRED FROM WAGERING

1945 - Titan Hanover - Barred in both heats, won both heats and trophy

SPEED RECORDS

Fastest Fractions

First quarter
26 • Captain Corey (2021 Final)

Half
53² • Atlanta (2018 1st Elim Heat)

Three quarters
1:21¹ • Atlanta (2018 1st Heat)

Mile
1:50¹ • Muscle Hill (2009 Final); Ramona Hill (2020 Final)

Last quarter
26⁴ • Glidemaster (2003 Final)

MARGINS OF VICTORY & NUMBER OF STARTERS

Largest Margin of Victory

Six Lengths
 1939 - Peter Astra*
 2009 - Muscle Hill

**estimated, before modern photo finish*

Largest Number of Starters

2003 - 28

Smallest Margin of Victory

Nose
 By Nine Horses
 Last Time 2016 - Marion Marauder

Smallest Number of Starters

1931-6

WAGERING OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA (Full Card)

Year	Countries	Handle (US\$)
2022	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Denmark, Norway, Sweden	899,798
2021	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Denmark, Norway, Sweden	1,100,445
2020	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Denmark, Norway, Sweden	758,373
2019	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Denmark, Norway, Sweden	802,243
2018	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Norway, Sweden	1,290,223
2017	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Norway, Sweden	1,553,928
2016	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Norway, Sweden	1,330,232
2015	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Norway, Sweden	1,275,219
2014	Finland, France (PMU & LeTrot), Norway, Sweden	1,744,907
2013	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	1,352,927
2012	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	1,610,459
2011	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	2,886,929
2010	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	2,390,119
2009	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	1,970,221
2008	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	1,146,225
2007	Denmark, France, Norway, Sweden	950,217
2006	Sweden, France	612,081
2005	Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark	213,878
2004	Denmark, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden	200,713
2003	Denmark, Norway, Sweden, England, France	310,905
2002	New Zealand, Sweden	39,951
2001	Denmark, France, Sweden, Holland, Italy	450,098
2000	Italy, Sweden	204,003

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

**BREEDER, TRAINER, DRIVER OF
HAMBLETONIAN WINNER**
1936 Ben White - Rosalind

**DRIVER TO WIN THE HAMBLETONIAN &
HAMBLETONIAN OAKS IN THE SAME YEAR**
2009 Brian Sears
2011 George Brennan
2013 Brian Sears

**TRAINER TO WIN HAMBLETONIAN &
HAMBLETONIAN OAKS IN SAME YEAR**

1988 Jan Johnson
2014 Jimmy Takter
2015 Jimmy Takter
2022 Jim Campbell

**HAMBLETONIAN WINNER VOTED DAN PATCH
HORSE OF THE YEAR**

(3 YEAR OLD YEAR)
1955 Scott Frost
1958 Emily's Pride
1968 Nevele Pride
1977 Green Speed
1987 Mack Lobell
1996 Continental Victory
2006 Glidemaster
2007 Donato Hanover
2009 Muscle Hill

**HAMBLETONIAN WINNER VOTED DAN PATCH
TROTTER OF THE YEAR**

(3 YEAR OLD YEAR)
1971 Speedy Crown
1972 Super Bowl
1973 Flirth
1976 Steve Lobell
1977 Green Speed
1978 Speedy Somolli
1983 Duenna
1985 Prakas
1987 Mack Lobell
1990 Harmonious
1991 Giant Victory
1992 Alf Palema
1996 Continental Victory
1997 Malabar Man
2004 Windsong's Legacy
2006 Glidemaster
2007 Donato Hanover
2008 Deweycheatumnhowe
2009 Muscle Hill
2015 Pinkman
2016 Marion Marauder
2018 Atlanta

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS CONTINUED

TRAINERS TO WIN HAMBLETONIAN AND HAMBLETONIAN OAKS IN CAREER

Howard Beissenger

Hambletonian - 1969, 1971, 1978

Hambletonian Oaks - 1982

Jim Campbell

Hambletonian - 1995, 2022

Hambletonian Oaks - 2009, 2022

Per Eriksson

Hambletonian - 1985, 1991, 1992

Hambletonian Oaks - 1995

Bill Haughton

Hambletonian - 1974, 1976, 1977, 1982

Hambletonian Oaks - 1975, 1979

Per Henriksen

Hambletonian - 1986

Hambletonian Oaks - 1999

Jan Johnson

Hambletonian - 1988

Hambletonian Oaks - 1981, 1985, 1988, 1997, 2000, 2004

Joe O'Brien

Hambletonian - 1955, 1960

Hambletonian Oaks - 1972, 1976

Trond Smedshammer

Hambletonian - 2004

Hambletonian Oaks - 2008

Chuck Sylvester

Hambletonian - 1987, 1989, 1998, 2002

Hambletonian Oaks - 1993

Jimmy Takter

Hambletonian - 1997, 2010, 2014, 2015

Hambletonian Oaks - 1994, 2003, 2004, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS CONTINUED

DRIVERS TO WIN HAMBLETONIAN AND HAMBLETONIAN OAKS IN CAREER

Howard Beissenger

Hambletonian - 1969, 1971, 1978

Hambletonian Oaks - 1982

George Brennan

Hambletonian - 2011

Hambletonian Oaks - 2004, 2011

Mal Burroughs

Hambletonian - 1997

Hambletonian Oaks - 1994

John Campbell

Hambletonian - 1987, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2006

Hambletonian Oaks - 1999, 2001

Mike Lachance

Hambletonian - 1994, 1996, 1999, 2003

Hambletonian Oaks - 1990

Mickey McNichol

Hambletonian - 1992

Hambletonian Oaks - 1986

Joe O'Brien

Hambletonian - 1955, 1960

Hambletonian Oaks - 1972, 1976

Bill O'Donnell

Hambletonian - 1985

Hambletonian Oaks - 1984

Ron Pierce

Hambletonian - 1993, 2007, 2010

Hambletonian Oaks - 2002, 2003, 2006

Brian Sears

Hambletonian - 2009, 2013, 2015

Hambletonian Oaks - 2009, 2013

George Sholty

Hambletonian - 1979

Hambletonian Oaks - 1987

Tim Tetrick

Hambletonian - 2012

Hambletonian Oaks - 2010, 2022

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS CONTINUED

OWNER, TRAINER, DRIVER OF HAMBLETONIAN WINNER

1948 Harrison Hoyt - Demon Hanover *
2001 Stephan Melander - Scarlet Knight
2005 Roger Hammer - Vivid Photo *
2021 Ake Svanstedt - Captain Corey *

* Owned in partnership

OWNER TO WIN THE HAMBLETONIAN & HAMBLETONIAN OAKS IN SAME YEAR

Park Avenue Stable (1989)

Park Avenue Joe - Hambletonian
Park Avenue Kathy - Hambletonian Oaks

Brittany Farm (2006)

Glidemaster* - Hambletonian
Passionate Glide - Hambletonian Oaks

Christina Takter (2015)

Pinkman* - Hambletonian
Wild Honey* - Hambletonian Oaks

John Fielding (2015)

Pinkman* - Hambletonian
Wild Honey* - Hambletonian Oaks

Crawford Farms (2020)

Ramona Hill * - Hambletonian
Sorella* - Hambletonian

* Owned in partnership

CARETAKER TO LATER TRAIN A HAMBLETONIAN WINNER

OSVALDO FORMIA

Caretaker - Lindy's Pride - 1969
Caretaker - Speedy Somolli - 1978
Trainer - Probe - 1989
Trainer - Harmonious - 1990

MOST WINS BY A CARETAKER

THREE

Pat Troll

Christopher T (1974)
Legend Hanover (1979)*
Burgomeister (1980)

**Troll shared caretaking duties with
Corinne Tripp*

TWO

Charlie Coleman

Ayres (1964)
Timothy T (1970)

Oswaldo Formia

Lindy's Pride (1969)
Speedy Somolli (1978)

Randy Beeckman

Mack Lobell (1987)
Park Avenue Joe (1989)