



Amigo Volo

Bay gelding, 3 by Father Patrick – Margarita Momma by Yankee Glide

OWNER: Pinske Stables, David J Miller
BREEDER: Kentuckiana Farms LLC – KY; J Jahre Jr. & J Jahre, NO
SALE INFO: Lexington Selected Sale \$42,000
TRAINER: R. Nifty Norman
DRIVER: Dexter Dunn

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2020	5	2	0	1	\$79,494	1:52.0 PcD
2019	12	6	2	0	\$610,546	1:52.3 Lex
LIFETIME	17	8	2	1	\$690,040	3 1:52.0 PcD

- Finished third in his Hambletonian elimination behind Ramona Hill and Back Of The Neck. He drew post ten and is listed at 12-1.

- Set a new mark of 1:52 at Pocono Downs on July 26th in a PASS at Pocono Downs. "He was really, really impressive in his start at Pocono," said Dexter Dunn. "He felt a lot better than he probably has been. He was very sharp and did the mile very good. I think he's coming into the race in good form."



- Won his PA All Stars at Pocono Downs on July 11th. Returned to the Meadowlands for the Stanley Dancer and finished fourth in his division behind Back Of The Neck, Third Shift and Big Oil.

- Finished sixth in his 2020 debut behind Hambletonian Oaks contender Sorella and Hambletonian contender Back Of the Neck.
- As a freshman, he set four world records. He broke in the final of the Valley Victory at the Meadowlands and finished ninth/placed eighth. Finished the year with \$684,040 in earnings and was voted the two year old Dan Patch Trotter of the Year.
- Won the \$181,600 Matron at Dover Downs in 1:52.4.
- "He's always been great-gaited, but now he has shown a lot of guts," said Norman after his Breeders Crown win. "He's only a little fella. There's not much of him, but I think he'll come back and be a good horse next year."
- Broke in the Breeders Crown elimination and finished seventh. After an equipment change for the final, Amigo Volo led the entire way winning in 1:54.3 over Rome Pays Off and Chestnut Hill.
- At the Red Mile he won a division of the Bluegrass in 1:52.3 and a division the International Stallion Stakes.
- Had first, second and fourth place finishes in the two year old PASS and finished second in the PASS Championship at Harrah's Philadelphia behind Real Cool Sam.
- New Zealand native Dexter Dunn, 30, enjoyed a memorable first full season of racing in North America in 2019. He received the Driver of the Year Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association after winning 460 races (eighth best in North America) and \$12 million in purses (third). He won Breeders Crown finals with Amigo Volo and Manchego and drove the season's top money-earner, Bettor's Wish.
- Dunn made his Hambletonian debut in 2019. He drove Soul Strong to a third-place finish in his elimination and was fourth from post 10 in the final.
- In addition to the Hambletonian, Dunn drove Millies Possesion to a second-place finish behind When Dovescry in the Hambletonian Oaks.
- Dunn led New Zealand's premiership in wins for 10 consecutive years from 2008 through 2017. During that span, he won at least 200 races on six occasions and twice finished with 199. He was the first New Zealand driver to win at least 200 races in a season.
- In the summer of 2018, Dunn was invited to drive in the U.S. by trainer Chris Ryder, a longtime family friend. When Dunn left New Zealand, his 2,225 wins ranked fifth in history there. He was the youngest driver to both 1,000 and 2,000 wins, and the youngest, at the age of 18, to win a Group 1 race in New Zealand.
- Dunn represented his country in the 2015 World Driving Championship and drove off with the trophy.

- Nifty Norman, 59, is a two-time winner of the Hambletonian Oaks, training 2012 winner Personal Style and 2013 champion Bee A Magician.
- Bee A Magician was Horse of the Year in 2013. She was 17-for-17 and earned \$1.54 million. Her earnings were a record for a 3-year-old filly trotter.
- In 2019, Norman's Reign Of Honor finished sixth in his Hambletonian elimination, missing a spot in the final by one place. Norman also sent out Evident Beauty in the Hambletonian Oaks final. The filly went off stride in the stretch.
- A native of New Zealand, where he worked with horses after leaving school, Norman came to California in 1985 to visit his friend, trainer Ross Croghan, and ended up staying to help with Croghan's stable. He later worked with Brett Pelling before starting his own stable.
- Norman's stable set a career high with \$4.26 million in purses in 2019. His earnings ranked 10th among trainers in North America. His stable is on its way to its 15th consecutive year with at least \$1 million in purses.
- Amigo Volo was a 2019 Breeders Crown champion (Norman's fourth trophy lifetime) and led all 2-year-old trotters in purses with \$610,546.
- His sire Father Patrick was the prohibitive favorite going into the 2015 Hambletonian. He was five-for-five that year and riding a 15-race win streak dating back to the previous year, he drew the outside post 10. Father Patrick became the shortest-priced horse to not capture the trotting classic when he went offstride for the first time in his 17-start career. He sired 2019 prohibitive favorite and runner-up Greenshoe.
- Dam Margarita Momma finished fourth in the 2009 Hambletonian Oaks. Amigo Volo is also the full brother to Reign Of Honor [\$377,324] who finished sixth in his 2019 Hambletonian heat and failed to make the final.
- "He's been an awesome horse to be around," owner Pinske said about Amigo Volo, who had world-record performances on five-eighth and one-mile ovals as a two year old. "Every day he trained, you'd either be really mad at him or really excited about him. But he would always make up for it with his personality. He's got such a good personality. He'd let you know where he was all the time. He just likes being around people."
- Karl Pinkse's son Carter has worked for Norman's stable and worked closely with Amigo Volo, even getting his first training win with the horse during the Grand Circuit meet at Lexington's Red Mile in 2019.