



Contested Hanover (Chapter Seven-CR Calendar Girl-S J's Photo)

Contested Hanover rode the rail in the three-hole and kicked home in 27.3 to finish fourth in the first Hambletonian Oaks elimination. She was three-quarters of a length behind winner Lady Chaos and timed in 1:53 flat.

She hasn't won in seven tries this year, but did finish second in an Empire Breeders Classic division at Vernon Downs and third in the New York Sire Stakes at Vernon and Tioga Downs. Last year, she won a New York Sire Stakes split at Saratoga, and that stands as her lone stakes success. She has an overall record of 2-1-4 from 13 trips behind the gate, has banked \$87,833, and has a mark of 1:55.3 taken last year at The Red Mile in an overnight race.

Quotes

Trainer George Ducharme: "She's coming along good at the right time. I was happy with the way she raced in her elimination. She doesn't have a quick step, so not shaking loose until late sort of hurt her a little, but I was happy with how she was still going forward at the end. I think she should be much better this week.

She's been pretty decent all year. She was good in the Empire Breeders final; she was second to Iteration. She drew a couple bad posts in New York. I said let's take a shot and get her stretched out on the big track and I thought she was OK in the Del Miller, so that's why we decided to try her again. She got beat three-quarters of a length [in the Oaks elim]. I really can't complain about that effort either."

Earlier this year, Ducharme said: "Last year, she just got tired. She was just too big and growthy. We quit with her, and she filled out and matured. I'm very happy with how she's come back so far. She's handy. She can do whatever you ask her to do. I think she can do whatever we need her to do. I think she's going to be fast enough to race in some of the better stakes as the season goes on.

Her first two starts this year were the most she's ever trotted in her life, so she's working her way up to that speed and learning how to go there. That's what she needs to do to be competitive with the top group."

Breeding Notes

Contested Hanover would be the first Hambletonian Oaks winner for sire Chapter Seven. Contested Hanover is the tenth foal out of CR Calendar Girl, and Contested Hanover's half-sister Coffeecake Hanover (Cantab Hall) was fourth in her elimination and 10p9p8 in the final of the 2014 Hambletonian. CR Calendar Girl's half-sister CR Ms American Pie (Yankee Glide) won an elimination and was fifth in the final of the 2002 Hambletonian Oaks.

Bred By Hanover Shoe Farms, Contested Hanover sold for \$160,000 at the 2019 Standardbred Horse Sale. Hanover Shoe Farms has been the winning breeder in the Hambletonian Oaks three times (2002 - Windylane Hanover, 2001 - Syrinx Hanover, and 1974 - Berna Hanover), and that's the third most in history, trailing only Castleton Farms and Brittany Farms.

Driver Bio

TIM TETRICK

Born: 11/22/1981 – Birthplace: Flora, IL – Resides: Woolwich Township, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2020.

Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007.

Hambletonian wins (1): Market Share, 2012.

Hambletonian Oaks wins (2): Bar Slide, 2010; Danae, 2007.

Tim Tetrick won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share, trained by Linda Toscano. Market Share received divisional Dan Patch Award honors and finished second to stablemate Chapter Seven for Trotter of the Year.

Tetrick has twice finished second in the Hambletonian final, with Smilin Eli in 2013 and Crazyed in 2008.

He has two wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with Bar Slide for trainer Joe Holloway in 2010 and Danae for trainer George Teague Jr. in 2007.

Tetrick was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame on July 4. The ceremony was postponed from July 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

He ranks third in all-time driver purses with more than \$232 million. He led the sport in earnings in 2019 and 2018 as well as for seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013. He has finished no worse than third in the money standings in each of the past 14 years.

Tetrick ranks seventh in career wins with more than 12,300. He got victory 12,000 in February. The 39-year-old Tetrick was the first driver to accomplish the feat prior to the age of 40. He has finished among the Top 10 in wins each of the past 16 years.

In 2007, Tetrick won a single-season record 1,189 races and was named the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award winner as well as Driver of the Year. That season he became the first driver to lead the sport in both wins and purses (a then-record \$18.3 million) in the same year since 1991.

Tetrick was the regular driver of 2012 Horse of the Year Award winner Chapter Seven and 2019 Horse of the Year Award winner Shartin N.

He represented the U.S. in the 2015 World Driving Championship and finished third.

Tetrick grew up in Illinois and followed his father, Tom D. Tetrick, into the sport. Brothers Tom T. and Trace also are involved in harness racing. Trace is the all-time leader in driving wins at Hoosier Park.

Trainer Bio

GEORGE DUCHARME

Born: 12/25/1961 – Birthplace: Norwood, MA – Resides: Norfolk, MA

Hambletonian wins (1): Royalty For Life, 2013.

George Ducharme won the 2013 Hambletonian with Royalty For Life, driven by Brian Sears. The race was contested with eliminations and final on the same day. Royalty For Life received the 2013 Dan Patch Award for best 3-year-old male trotter.

He has never had a starter in the Hambletonian Oaks.

Ducharme has won more than 950 races and nearly \$15 million in purses lifetime. His stable has exceeded \$1 million in each of the past six years and seven times overall.

He set career highs with 94 victories and \$1.94 million in 2019.

Ducharme, who has enjoyed success with young horses in both the New York and Massachusetts sire stakes programs, has been a trainer for more than 30 years. He started as a groom at Foxboro Raceway.

Owner Bio

Ftm Racing Stable LLC., Ocala, FL

FTM Racing Stable LLC. is the nom de course of Fran T. Marino and Stephen J. Farrell. Contested Hanover would be their first Hambletonian Oaks champion.