



Lady Chaos (Cantab Hall-Strong Legacy-Muscles Yankee)

Lady Chaos won the first Hambletonian Oaks elimination on the front-end in a life's-best clocking of 1:52.4. It was her second victory of the season, joining a win in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes at Pocono on June 6.

A year ago, Lady Chaos was the winner of the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot and the Kentucky Sires Stakes Championship. In total, she has compiled a record of 8-4-3 from 19 starts and has earned \$690,395.

Trainer Linda Toscano: "I've been playing with her bridle a little bit and I was really worried when I watched her score down because she was a little aggressive. But it worked out well for us because [driver David Miller] was able to rate the second quarter. When [Bella Bellini] came to him, he decided now let's race. She fought tonight, so I was ticked with her.

She is an absolute pleasure to train. Everyone should have one like her. She's beautifully gaited, she's got a nice temperament in the barn, she's just been a lovely filly right from day one.

On bridle change: She was on the lead and getting caught a couple times, and that was bothering me. And then she would chase them home and always going the fastest last quarter, but we were kind of losing a little bit in the last turn. I had to figure out a way not to lose that length we had to make up again in the stretch. I've been fiddling with her bridle and ultimately decided to go with the blind and it worked.

I started my career as a filly trainer, so this is one [race] I've always wanted.

First of all, this is home. Second of all, when you're in that chosen group that has won the Hambletonian, it almost doesn't feel right if you don't try to at least get one in the Oaks. I love my fillies. I've always loved my fillies. I started out as a filly trainer because I couldn't afford the colts. Now, to be able to train one and hope maybe to get lucky. At least we don't have to worry about post position, so that part is good.

She was good. She was a little bit grabby in the post parade and going to the gate and I was second-guessing myself for putting the blind bridle on. But she's just been waiting a little bit in the last turn and then getting caught in the stretch. I had to do something different. She was grabby, but she got the job done, so it worked.

She has been the picture of consistency. She's shown up every week and given us a great effort every week, but we've been more bridesmaid than bride. That's very frustrating for a trainer. It's great that they're making money, but as a trainer you want the 'W' not the second. That's what we do it for."

Breeding Notes

Sire Cantab Hall has won the Oaks twice - 2014 with Lifetime Pursuit and 2015 with Wild Honey. Lady Chaos is the first foal out of the dam, the Muscles Yankee mare Strong Legacy. Strong Legacy is a full sister to \$3.5M+ earner Mr. Muscleman.

Lady Chaos was bred by Lindy Farms and Av & Son Bloodstock LLC. and was purchased for \$125,000 at the 2019 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale as HIP 223. Lindy Farms, one of the most successful owners in Hambletonian history, also bred 2015 Oaks champion Wild Honey and 1977 Oaks winner Elmsford.

Driver Bio- DAVID MILLER-

Born: 12/10/1964 – Birthplace: Columbus, OH – Resides: Cream Ridge, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2014.

Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year: 2016, 2015, 2003.

Hambletonian Oaks wins (1): Personal Style, 2012.

David Miller won the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style, trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman.

Miller is seeking his first Hambletonian trophy but has never driven a horse in the final at odds lower than 7-1. He had third-place finishes with Gimpanzee in 2019, Uncle Lasse in 2015, and Corky in 2013. In 2017, he drove What The Hill, who crossed the finish line first but was disqualified for interference in the stretch.

Earlier this year, on July 17, Miller won the Hambletonian Maturity for 4-year-old trotters with Beads for trainer Per Engblom.

A 2014 inductee into the Hall of Fame, Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses with \$254 million and has finished among the top five in earnings 21 of the past 22 years. John Campbell, now president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society, holds the sport's record for purses with \$300 million.

Miller is No. 5 all-time in wins with more than 13,300.

In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors. In 2016, he was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced the fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:46 at Lexington's Red Mile.

In 2015, Miller set a record with five Breeders Crown wins in a single year.

Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.

Trainer Bio-LINDA TOSCANO

Born: 6/26/1955 – Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY – Resides: Freehold, NJ

Hall of Fame: Class of 2019.

Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year: 2012.

Hambletonian wins (1): Market Share, 2012.

Linda Toscano was the first female trainer to win the Hambletonian, which she did with Market Share in 2012.

One year earlier, Toscano-trained Chapter Seven finished fourth in the race. In 2017, Toscano trained the favorite heading toward the event, Dan Patch Award-winner Walner, but the colt was unable to race because of injury and was later retired.

Chapter Seven came back at age 4 and won eight of 10 races, \$1.02 million, and was named Horse of the Year. He was one of three Dan Patch Award winners for Toscano that season, with Market Share and pacer Heston Blue Chip, and Toscano was named 2012 Trainer of the Year Award by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. She was the first female trainer to receive the honor.

She has had one Hambletonian Oaks finalist. Dream Child finished seventh in 2016.

Toscano, a breast cancer survivor, has won more than 2,300 races as a trainer. She has \$60 million in career purses and has topped \$1 million in earnings for 16 consecutive years, including 2021.

A Brooklyn native, Toscano briefly attended SUNY at Stony Brook before finding her calling and beginning her career on the track. She worked side by side with veteran trainer Buddy Regan and Hall of Famers Buddy Gilmour and John Campbell prior to stepping out on her own in 1985.

Owner Bios

Richard S. Gutnick, Blue Bell, PA-Thomas J. Pontone, Holmdel-Joseph A. Lozito Jr., Wayne, NJ- Enviro Stables Ltd., Sunny Isles Beach, FL

Lady Chaos would be the first Hambletonian Oaks winner for any of her owners, but Richard Gutnick and Tom Pontone, via his TLP Stable, co-owned 2012 Hambletonian winner Market Share, who was also trained by Linda Toscano.

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