



Ramona Hill

Bay filly, 3 by Muscle Hill – Lock Down Lindy by Lucky Chucky

OWNER: Bradley Grant, Crawford Farms Racing, Robert Leblanc, In The Gym Partners
BREEDER: Crawford Farms LLC
SALE INFO: Lexington Selected Sale \$70,000
TRAINER: Tony Alagna
DRIVER: Andrew McCarthy

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2020	3	2	0	1	\$151,465	1:50.3M
2019	7	6	0	1	\$405,400	1:52.2 Lex
LIFETIME	10	8	0	2	\$556,865	3 1:50.3 M

- Won her Hambletonian elimination with a breathtaking :25.4 rally from last in 1:51.2. Drew post five in the final and is listed as the favorite at odds of 5-2. She became the 21st filly to win a Hambletonian elimination/heat. The last to do so was Mission Brief in 2015.

- “She showed what she can do,” said Alagna after her dazzling last-to-first performance in her Hambo elimination. “Andy has all the faith in the world in her like we do.”



- Alagna on Ramona Hill: “She’s been great. She was a very immature two year old and we knew we had to be patient with her. She has come back great. Last week she was sparkling. Tonight she was even better.”

- Won the Del Miller at the Meadowlands on July 18th beating Oaks contenders Panem and Hypnotic Am in a personal best of 1:50.3.
- Started her sophomore year with a third place finish in the Mary Reynolds at the Meadowlands behind Oaks contenders Sorella and Panem.
- Finished out her outstanding two year old season with a win in the \$786,000 Breeders Crown for two year old filly trotters over Sister Sledge and Hypnotic Am in 1:53.2.
- "We trained the mare, Lock Down Lindy, and this filly had a very similar frame to Lock Down Lindy, but she was an end-of-May foal so she was very immature at the sale, but had a great look to her," trainer Tony Alagna said after the Bluegrass. "Knowing how fast the mare was, I thought I'd take a shot at that number."
- Ramona Hill won her Bluegrass Stakes division in 1:52.4 and International Stallion Stakes in 1:52.2 at the Red Mile in Lexington Kentucky.
- She started her freshman year with two wins in the Kindergarten legs at the Meadowlands Racetrack. Then won the \$30,000 Kentucky Sire Stakes Consolation.
- Andrew McCarthy, 34, appeared in his first Hambletonian final in 2019, finishing seventh with Pilot Discretion. The horse was fifth in his elimination.
- McCarthy made his Hambletonian debut in 2017, finishing sixth in an elimination with Sortie and failing to advance to the final. He has driven in three Hambletonian Oaks finals, with a best finish of fourth coming with Hey Blondie in 2018.
- A native of Australia, McCarthy has raced regularly in North America since 2007. He has seen his purse earnings increase annually since the start of 2013, reaching a career-best \$7.6 million in 2019.
- In 2019, McCarthy became the eighth driver in history to win at least four Breeders Crown finals in a year, and they were his first four wins in the series. He became the first to accomplish the feat without driving a favorite.
- McCarthy is a third-generation horseman. His brothers Todd and Luke, who raced in the U.S. in 2009, are successful drivers in Australia and his father John is a highly regarded trainer. The McCarthy family was selected by the Bathurst Harness Racing Club as its 2016 Gold Crown honoree.
- Tony Alagna, 48, saw Pilot Discretion finish fifth in his Hambletonian elimination and seventh in the final in 2019. Earlier in the season, the colt won the Goodtimes Stakes and was second in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial. He also was second in the Canadian Trotting Classic later in the year.
- In 2012, the Alagna-trained My MVP finished third in the Hambletonian, only a neck behind winner Market Share. Guccio edged out My MVP for second. Later that season, My MVP won the Kentucky Futurity, which is the third jewel in the Trotting Triple Crown (with the Hambletonian and Yonkers Trot).

- Alagna trained 2016 Hambletonian Oaks runner-up Caprice Hill, who was an O'Brien Award winner in Canada at ages 2 and 3. In 2015, Alagna's Lock Down Lindy won her elimination for the Hambletonian Oaks but went off stride in the final.
- Last year, Alagna's stable set its career high for purses, coming less than \$400 from \$6 million. Alagna finished second in earnings among all trainers in North America, trailing only perennial leader Ron Burke.
- Ramona Hill was a Dan Patch Award winner in 2019 for Alagna. She was voted the best two-year-old female trotter by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- A native of Illinois, Alagna followed his mom, Donna Lee, into the sport. He had a pony at the age of three, was reading up on pedigrees at nine, and solely responsible for his first horse at 10. Soon after graduating from high school, Alagna was assisting his mom with her stable.
- He later worked for trainer Brian Pinske and, after getting a degree from Florida's Seminole College, as private trainer for Fox Valley Standardbreds in Illinois. He next spent six years as the top assistant to trainer Erv Miller before starting his own stable in 2009.
- Alagna trained Captaintreacherous to Pacer of the Year awards in 2012 and 2013. "The Captain" became the first pacer to win that honor in consecutive years since Jenna's Beach Boy in 1995-96 and joined Niatross as the only horses to accomplish the feat at ages 2 and 3 since the award was first given in 1970.
- Muscle Hill has sired two previous Hambletonian winners –Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixtion (2014). He has also sired four Hambletonian Oaks winners – When Dovescry (2019), Manchego (2018), Ariana G (2017) and All The Time (2016).
- 162 fillies have started in the Hambletonian. Ramona Hill is looking to become the 15th filly to beat the boys and win the coveted prize. Winning her elimination made her the 21st filly to do so. The last filly to win the Hambletonian was Atlanta in 2018.
- Crawford Farms was co-owner of the 2018 Hambletonian winning filly Atlanta.