Seeds Planted For Wide-Open Hambletonian

The 88th renewal of the Hambletonian for 3-year-old trotters is the centerpiece of Saturday afternoon’s 15-race program at the Meadowlands. The Hambletonian conditions call for the eliminations to be seeded by a formula based on money earnings, taking into account separation of common ownership and trainer interests.

If the 23 starters in the three Hambletonian eliminations were ranked in similar fashion as the NCAA basketball tournament, Royalty For Life, with morning-line odds of 8-5 in the first heat, would be regarded as the top overall seed. He would be followed closely by Wheeling N Dealin and Corky, both listed as the 2-1 favorites in their respective elimins.

Royalty For Life will start from the outside post 8 in his elim. While a disadvantage, the George Ducharme trainee has already shown this year that the outside starting spot is no deterrent to winning.

Starting from post 8 in the $294,000 Stanley Dancer Memorial on July 13 at the Meadowlands, Royalty For Life avoided the tight racing space that led to him making breaks in his first three starts this season. Driver Brian Sears was able to keep Royalty For Life wide in the first turn before finding easy sailing to the lead and a subsequent 1:52 victory, the fastest mile turned in by a 3-year-old male trotter in a race thus far in 2013—he also has a season-best 1:51.3 clocking in a qualifier.

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Instead of racing Royalty For Life in one of two Open events last Saturday night at the Big M—which attracted 17 Hambletonian eligibles—Ducharme opted to start him in a five-horse Preferred contest at Vernon Downs. Royalty For Life made short work of his competition as he won under wraps in 1:53 for driver Chris Lems.

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Vernon Downs-based trainer plans on a large gathering of friends and family at the Meadowlands on Hambo Day, including his parents.

“My father is really excited, after all the years of dragging me to the track with him,” said Ducharme about his first-ever Hambletonian experience.

Drawing in against Royalty For Life in post two is New Jersey Sires Stakes champion Smilin Eli, who had been on the number-one line for the seedings until hitting a bump in the road. After coming up sick following a fifth-place finish in the $500,000 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial at Pocono Downs and then bouncing through backstretch controversy that resulted in the horse being transferred to trainer David Smith, Smilin Eli showed some life with a third-place finish in one of the Opens last Saturday night at the Big M.

“I thought he raced very well since hadn’t raced in a month or really had any work,” said driver Tim Tetrick, who gave up the drive on Royalty For Life earlier this year when Smilin Eli emerged as a top contender. “He’s got to be better than that this week, since he raced.”

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“In terms of equipment, we’ve added a mini bit,” said Tetrick, who won last year’s Hambletonian with Market Share and is looking to become the first driver since John Campbell in 1987-88 to post back-to-back victories. “It will mostly help keep him calm in the post parade. He can win from anywhere, he doesn’t need any special trip, but since he’s a horse that’s only raced six times in his life, you can’t be too cute with him. He doesn’t have the seasoning most of the others have.”

Having knowledge of Royalty For Life’s abilities, including directing the colt to his runner-up finish in last year’s Breeders Crown, Tetrick knows what he’s up against.

“I think he’s the potential Hambo winner. He’s a very, very good horse and he can go very fast,” Tetrick said of Royalty For Life. — By Gordon Waterstone
New Rules In Place For Hambletonian

The 88th Hambletonian at the Meadowlands on Saturday, Aug. 3, will mark for the first time in 17 years the trotting classic for 3-year-old male trotters will be raced in heats. The filly Continentalvictory's double-heat score in 1996 was the last time a trotter was required to win twice in a day to take home the coveted trophy.

Unlike prior conditions for the race being contested in heats, the winner of the second heat of this year's Hambletonian will be declared the champion. The top three in each of the Hambo elimins, plus the fourth-place horse with the highest lifetime earnings, will return for the final. Elimination winners will draw for posts 1-5 for the final, with the other starters then drawing for the remaining positions.

The owners of all 10 starters in the final will receive purse money. The winner will still receive 50 percent of the $1 million final purse, but $10,000 will be paid to each finalist finishing sixth through last. The remaining $450,000 of the purse will be divided with 24 percent for second, 16 percent for third, and 10 percent for fourth. That means that all finalists will be able to earn back at least a portion of the $15,000 entry fee.

$1 Million Hambletonian Final Purse Breakdown

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Takter Has Three In Try For Third Hambo

Trainer Jimmy Takter won the 1997 Hambletonian with Malabar Man and the 2010 renewal with Muscle Massive, and he’s looking to add a third from a trio of entries: Dontyouforgetit, and High Bridge and Earl Beal Jr. Memorial winner Corky. The latter two horses were winners of a pair of Opens last Saturday night at the Meadowlands.

“He’s very handy and very consistent,” Takter said of Corky, arguably his best chance to reach the winner’s circle. “He raced giant in the Earl Beal and if he has that form he is going to be a serious contender. He’s probably one of the three horses who will be most favored, along with Royalty For Life and Smilin Eli.”

Takter said having Corky in the last of the three elims—and thus the shortest turnaround time if he advances to the final—will work to his advantage.

“If had to pick, I would have picked it like that,” said Takter. “I think it sets up perfect for me because I think Corky is the strongest.”

– Jimmy Takter

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Hambletonian Eliminations

Meadowlands, Saturday, August 2, 1st $70,000 elimination, Race 7, Post Time: 2:20 pm

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Dewycolorintheline’s victory in the classic Yonkers Trot puts icing on the cake of the great year his sire is enjoying. The success of Deweycheatumnhowe’s progeny also includes the Ontario Sire Stakes program, where after two preliminary legs the Dewey two-year-olds have won ten races, far more than any other Ontario stallion.

At the Lexington Selected Yearling Sale on October 1 and 2, Walnut Hall Ltd. will sell a baker’s dozen of great-bred yearlings by Deweycheatumnhowe. If you want stakes winners, buy one.
David Miller will drive Corky in the last of the three eliminations.

“I feel like Spider Blue Chip is the toughest horse in our field, and it’s key for us that we drew inside Spider,” said Miller.

“Pretty much his (Corky) whole life he’s been close to the front in his races, so his best race is to get out of there and be in position. If we sit on Spider’s back, I’ll be happy, but you don’t know what’s going to happen until you get behind the gate.”

Dontyouforgetit won his Beal elimination before finishing third in the final, and then won his Yonkers Trot elim before finishing fourth in the final. Driven by Brian Sears in the final, Dontyouforgetit made a quick break at the start, which Takter said was caused when he hit the starting gate. He was later interfered with by an offstride rival.

“If he hadn’t hit the gate and broke stride, he would have won by 10!” opined Takter. “I think he might have been a little rushed at the gate. He trotted a :55.3 last half.”

Regular driver Yannick Gingras will be back in the sulky behind Dontyouforgetit on Saturday, driving a trotter who will be without hobbles for the first time this year.

“I put the hobbles on him at the beginning of the season because he was racing in the Dexter on a half-mile track, but he hates those hobbles,” said Takter. “I wanted to take them off earlier, but in New York and Pennsylvania you can’t just take them off without qualifying. So he won’t be wearing hobbles Saturday in the Hambo. He’s one of the best 3 year olds out there.” — By Gordon Waterstone

Schnittker Feels The Heat, Draw Change

One trotter has a chance to win this year’s Triple Crown and that’s Dewycolorintheline, who captured the first jewel, the Yonkers Trot, on July 27 at Yonkers Raceway. The Ray Schnitter trainee will attempt to add the second jewel on Saturday in the Hambletonian, drawing post 3 in the first of three eliminations.

“He’s just a real nice horse,” said Schnittker of the son of 2008 Hambletonian winner Deweycheatumnhowe. “He steers good; he’s very good-gaited. He’s actually a pleasure to drive. Hopefully, things will break our way and we get the job done.”

With this year’s Hambletonian reverting to a same-day heat format, and the third jewel, the Kentucky Futurity at The Red Mile, also being a multiple-heat race, Dewycolorintheline’s quest to become the ninth Triple Crown champion will have to come in a pair of races that have conditions that Schnittker does not like.

“I can’t stand it, and I don’t think it helps the game at all. But those are the rules so we have to play by it,” said Schnittker, who was very open about his dislike of heat racing in 2008, when Deweycheatumnhowe was forced to race three heats in the Kentucky Futurity.

On the other hand, Schnittker believes the change in conditions that calls for Hambo elimination winners to draw for posts 1-5 in the final is a positive. Previously, the elim winners earned the right to choose their post positions.

“I like the change; I think it’s a good move,” said Schnittker, who will also drive a second entry, Caveat Emptor, in the second elim. “When you just give a guy the chance to pick the rail—not so much on a mile track but on a half—it’s a huge advantage. This will make for a better race to watch if a guy then draws the five hole instead of having the inside. I’m interested in seeing what happens.” — By Gordon Waterstone
Jones Been Playing It Safe
With Wheeling N Dealin?

Coming off an undefeated nine-start campaign in 2012 that included the Breeders Crown, Wheeling N Dealin was the trotter with the target on his back this season. The Dustin Jones trainee had a fourth and third in his first two starts of the season, both in Canada, before a second-place finish last time out in an Open at the Meadowlands.

Wheeling N Dealin rallied from eighth at the half to finish just one length behind High Bridge in the Open, which was the 3 year old’s first-ever start outside of Canada. The strong effort—including a last quarter of :27.2—led to Wheeling N Dealin tabbed as the 2-1 favorite in the second of the three Hambletonian eliminations.

Wheeling N Dealin drew post one, which Jones said could lead to a change from the come-from-behind race strategy used so far in 2013. “With the rail, maybe we’ll be able to race like he did last year. Leave a little bit and then make a move, instead of racing from the back like the last couple of times,” said Jones, who finished seventh in last year’s Hambletonian with Prestidigitator.

“Sylvain (driver Sylvain Filion) has been careful with him, and in his last two starts, with the position he had, we decided to just race him off the pace and use that as a stepping stone toward Saturday,” added Jones.

Jones said a key element to Wheeling N Dealin’s strong Big M debut was a shoeing change. “I had an egg-bar shoe with almost a half of a full pad, but I put just a normal half-round shoe without that, and he raced good,” said Jones. “It lightened him up quite a bit. He really impressed me last week.”

Jones said he understood why people were jumping off his trotter’s bandwagon after the opening two losses. “Everybody was worried about him when he got beat 10 lengths (at Mohawk) but he trotted his last three-quarters in 1:24 and in the third quarter he trotted :26 and change,” he said. “I really liked his race last week; he was three wide the whole last turn and came home in :27.2.

“Post one is better than post nine, which he had last week. I think the first division is the toughest, and ours is the middle. There are some good ones in there with us, but it looks a little easier than the first one.”

Jones said heat racing on what is expected to be an 82-degree afternoon, is the unknown variable. “Nobody knows how they will respond to heats. If anybody says they know how their horse will be with the heats, they don’t know because none of them have raced heats.”

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Zuanetti Takes His Fourth Shot
At Hambo With Banco Solo

Mario Zuanetti has won a few big races, but never the Hambletonian nor Hambletonian Oaks. He drove in three Hambletonians and has raced three fillies in the Oaks. His fast filly Almost An Angel has thus far given him his greatest Hambletonian Day thrill, winning a heat of the 1992 Oaks before being edged on the wire in the final by Worldly Woman.

Zuanetti, now 57 but still known for his boyish smile, is taking another shot at a Hambo win on Saturday with a colt he bred, Banco Solo. A native of Italy, Zuanetti came to the U.S. in 1985 to work for the Continental Farm Stable. Two years later he established his own stable and in 1991 he started his first horse in the Hambletonian, Harlan Lobell, who finished seventh in his elimination heat. Zuanetti had Hambo starters in 1992 and 1997 as well, but those horses became mere footnotes in Hambo history.

Zuanetti says sentimentality is the reason he has Banco Solo. “I bought his grandmother at a sale in Ohio simply because she was from the same family as my best horse when I worked in Italy,” he explained. “Her daughter (Silver Thatch) is Banco Solo’s mother.”

While some may see Banco Solo’s entry as a lark, Zuanetti thinks his homebred colt fits with this year’s field.

At first Banco Solo was entered in the Townsend Ackerman, which is raced the night before the Hambo, but when the colt drew post 10, Zuanetti and his partners (TLP Stable) re-evaluated and decided to give the Hambo a shot.

Last fall Banco Solo showed he had speed when he won a Kindergarten Series leg at the Big M in 1:55.2—from post 8—the night before the Hambletonian. The colt finished his season with seven wins in 10 starts—including the $206,000 Kindergarten final—and Zuanetti thought he had something special. The former trainer, who now concentrates on bloodstock sales, was on The Horseman And Fair World magazine’s “Top Picks” pre-season ratings panel and Zuanetti made Banco Solo his “sleeper pick.”

The colt’s winter with trainer Ken Oscarsson, a former assistant in the W.R. Haughton Stable, went smoothly and his sophomore season began well with a fourth-place finish behind Corky and Royalty For Life in an elimination for the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial Trot.

“We put him in the Beal Memorial because we thought it would be a first test to see if he could go with the top horses,” says Zuanetti. “In his elimination he trotted in 1:53.1 and he was coming at the end, but he didn’t make the final. In the Beal consolation, in a very uncharacteristic fashion, he broke stride in the first turn.

“One of his problems has been that no driver would stick with him because they always thought they had a better horse, which is understandable,” continued Zuanetti. “We thought then that the Dancer would determine if he could go with the top horses, but then we had a break again. When he made that break, we hit the panic button. Then he raced at Tioga and was parked every step of the race. (Ron) Pierce drove him in the 3-year-old Open (July 27 at the Meadowlands) and he told me that if he could have driven him, he could have been even closer (than his third-place finish behind Corky and EL Rocket), but the horse hit a knee.”

Oscarsson went back to the drawing board, or rather the tack trunk, and pulled out the knee boots.

“He’s sound, Kenny (Oscarsson) changed his shoes too, and I think he’s got a shot,” said Zuanetti. “He’ll be wearing knee boots Saturday, although he’ll warm up and Kenny might make other adjustments. Against Corky and Spider Blue Chip, we need a trip.” —By Kathy Parker
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$450,000 Yonkers Trot winner
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2,1:56; 3,1:53.3-'13 ($326,457)
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$109,362 (div.) NYSS 2YOCT winner
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$92,672 (div.) Tompkins-Geers 2YOCT winner
STARSABOVEALLERAGE
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Selected October 1-5
In the Preferred Equine Marketing consignment
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ALGORITHM, colt
Muscle Hill-Luby
BLUE MUSE, filly
Muscles Yankee-Upside Blue Chip
WALTZING PRIZELLA, filly
Yankee Glide-Prize Chip

Selling at Harrisburg
November 4-7
In the Northwood Bloodstock consignment
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Angus Hall-My Friend Frannie
ALLERAGE STAR, filly
Angus Hall-Starry Eyed
ALLERAGE BELLE, filly
Conway Hall-Bourbon Belle
HEADING HOME, filly
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Hambletonian Contenders

PUNXSUTAWNEY
“We thought he was a quality horse all last year, that he stacked up with the best. After his third start this year he made a break and we couldn’t figure out why...then we found an abscess in his left front. We went to a steel shoe with a three-quarter bar, but now he’s wearing a glue-on shoe. We trained him and he was good and then he qualified real good (1:53.4 at the Meadowlands on July 27). The qualifier proved to us that he was good. Then we watched the races that night and thought that he was comparable with the others. You don’t get that many chances to race in this race.” — trainer John Butenschoen

HIGH BRIDGE
“I think the horse is coming into the race in great form. His last four or five races have been really good. He’s been getting stronger and stronger. I’m happy with how he’s coming along.” — trainer Jimmy Takter

SUPER CLASSIC
“Last week was the first time I raced him, and I told Dave (driver David Miller) going out the door that he was going to like him. I’m looking to win Saturday, or I wouldn’t be in it. Everybody who is around me knows I want to win everything. My father, who was a great influence on me, never put a horse on the track and not want to win. I’m the same way. To be number one you have to want to be number one. I know he’s in the toughest division, but like the Kentucky Derby, there are so many unpredictables that what you think will happen, doesn’t.” — trainer Greg Peck

DREAMS OF THUNDER
“He’s going to have to step it up a lot. His last two starts he was good and then he qualified real good. The qualifier proved to us that he was good. Then we watched the races that night and thought that he was comparable with the others. You don’t get that many chances to race in this race.” — trainer John Butenschoen

EL ROCKET
“He trained great (Wednesday). I think we have to go down the road. I’m not going to tell Jimmy (Morrill Jr.) how to drive but I think he needs to go forward to be up in the mix. There are four or five horses in there that I think can win it and the others need things to go haywire for them to make it. I put mine up on the top list. Heats won’t be an issue as we train two trips in our barn every day.” — trainer Ron Burke

APERFECTYANKEE
“His second race this year, when he was at the gate he hit the bike and he was lame after that. It took two weeks to fix that, so he wasn’t good in the Beal. He’s been good since then. I think he’s going to make it to the final. The post position is very good for him.” — driver-trainer-owner Jim Oscarsson

YOUR SO VAIN
“We added trotting hobbles his last start. He’s in where I think he is as good as I could hope for. I’m hoping for some luck. I think he’s in a good spot and hopefully he will show up. He’s better if I don’t use him too much early. I’d like to get to the final. Actually, I’d like to win the elimination so we can get a good draw for the final.” — driver Andy Miller

CELEBRITY MASERATI
“I think he should have a good shot at making the final. He made a break going into the first turn in the Dancer when he took a bad step, so that was bad luck at the wrong time. He never breaks; he is very good-gaited and an honest horse. Knock on wood, I’m crossing my fingers for Saturday. You have to race in the elimination but it’s the final that counts.” — trainer Susanne Strandqvist

CREATINE
“I trained him last Saturday in 1:54 and a piece. I think he has a legitimate chance. After he finished second behind Spider Blue Chip (July 5), that was the second week in a row I thought he would win. Even though he trotted home in :26 and change, my wife (veterinarian Lynda Rhodes Stewart) said she thought I should scope him and we found he was flipping his palate, and had been flipping it since he had a small ulcer there. So Dr. Richard Meirs did throat surgery and he seems very well. The eight hole is a disadvantage, of course; it will make it a tougher race for us. If we get to the final, I’m not worried about heats. He’s a big, stout horse. And I’ve got no worries about my driver. If you give Mike (Lachance) the best horse, he’ll win. He was third last year with My MVP, he was in the photo.” — trainer Bob Stewart

POSSESSED FASHION
“He’s very good. John Campbell came to the Meadowlands last Saturday and worked him a fast mile before the qualifiers, and I trained him in 2:13 (Wednesday). I don’t anticipate fatigue with heats being an issue. He can trot with them; it’s just getting past them that is the difficult part.” — trainer Tom Fanning

MURMUR HANOVER
“It’s the Hambletonian, and you never know because a race is a race, but we are here. This will be the first time he’s ever raced on a mile track. I know we have a good horse. He may need a couple more races though to get better as he’s only had four starts this year.” — Claude Bardier, brother of trainer Normand Bardier Jr.

ALL LAID OUT
“He’s sound and healthy, so hopefully he’ll behave himself and we’ll get to race twice. He got the four hole in a seven-horse field, so nothing to complain about. If you’re not one-two-three in this one, we’re not going to be one-two-three in the second one. We’re all guessing about heats, but he usually pays attention once he’s done a bit of work.” — trainer Noel Daley

LAUDERDALE
“I think he should fit in here pretty good. He trotted in 1:55 at Yonkers. He’s getting better and is really coming into top form.” — trainer Jonas Czernyson
Eye On Meadowlands

Weekend Preview’s Gordon Waterstone hoped to handicap the $100,000 guaranteed late Pick 4 on Saturday afternoon at the Meadowlands, but with the first leg being the Hambletonian final, he obviously won’t know the starters until after the elims so that idea was scrapped. Instead, Waterstone will take a shot at the $50,000 guaranteed Pick 5 on races 7-11, which includes the three Hambo elims and concludes with the Oaks final. The Pick 5 has a minimum 50-cent wager.

Other guaranteed pools on the card include a $20,000 guaranteed Pick 5 on races 1-5 and a $30,000 guaranteed early Pick 4 on races 3-6.

**RACE 7**
I give the nod to ROYALTY FOR LIFE, but in case there’s an issue, it could be SMILIN ELI or EL ROCKET that benefits. DEWYCOLORINTHELINE and HIGH BRIDGE wouldn’t also surprise then.

**RACE 8**
I’m singling WHEELING N DEALIN on the economy ticket, but no sense taking a chance. Beware the best efforts of APERFECTYANKEE, CELEBRITY MASERATI, DONTYOUFORGETIT and CREATINE.

**RACE 9**
CORKY and SPIDER BLUE CHIP should finish one-two in some fashion, and if not, it could be POSSESSED FASHION that crashes the party from post one.

**RACE 10**
MARKET SHARE looks unbeatable but he’s saddled with post 9 and that could pose some traffic issues. UNCLE PETER and MISTER HERBIE would then figure prominently.

**RACE 11**
No magic wand needed here to find the winner: BEE A MAGICIAN. With her in the last leg, it makes it easier to spread out in the first four legs.

**PLAY:** 2,3,4,7/1,2,5,7/1,5,6/5,6,9/2

**.50 TICKET COST: $112.50**

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**Spider Blue Chip Gives Sylvester Hope For Fifth Hambo Win**

Chuck Sylvester will try to join Bill Haughton, Stanley Dancer and Ben White as the only trainers to win the Hambletonian five times when he sends Spider Blue Chip into the $1.2 million event Saturday at the Meadowlands Racetrack. Spider Blue Chip competes in the third of three eliminations and is the 5-2 second choice on the morning line behind 2-1 favorite Corky.

“We’ve been saying for 10 years now that we’d like to win five,” said the 73-year-old Sylvester. “We have a chance. A lot of people have never won, so I’ve been lucky; I’ve been blessed. I’ve had a few seconds that I could have won, and I’ve won a couple that maybe I shouldn’t have. It works both ways.

“You have to have luck that day. But we’re competitive and (Spider Blue Chip) will be ready.”

Spider Blue Chip has won four of seven races this year and earned $182,113. He has finished worse than third only once, in his second start of the season when he made an interference break in a conditioned race at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. Spider Blue Chip also suffered a bruised foot as a result of the incident, but has improved through a workout schedule that includes swimming on a regular basis.

“Right now he’s happy and sounder and in pretty good shape,” Sylvester said. “He’s been racing good out of the pool. He trained (Tuesday), swam (Wednesday) and he’ll swim Thursday and Friday. Then we’ll go race.”

Spider Blue Chip is owned by David McDuffee and Melvin Hartman, who also are among the owners of Hambletonian Oaks favorite Bee A Magician. Spider Blue Chip was bred by Olympic champion show jumper McLain Ward.

Last year, Spider Blue Chip won two of eight starts, including a division of the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, and earned $89,181. He ended the campaign, though, by going offstride in his final four races. Sylvester thought the horse’s woes had to do with attitude and Spider Blue Chip was gelded. Soon thereafter, Sylvester discovered the trouble was caused by a foot abscess.

Sylvester is in favor of racing the Hambletonian eliminations and final on the same day.

“It wouldn’t surprise me if a different horse wins the final than the three eliminations,” Sylvester said. “I’m sure in between heats there are going to be a lot of changes made with the horses, including mine probably. You’re going to see shoes mainly, maybe a few bits. You’re going to see some guys pull shoes all together and take a shot in the final with no shoes. Anybody that has a good day can win.”

— By Ken Weingartner/Harness Racing Communications
Four of the sport’s most well-known handicappers give their prognostications of this year’s Hambletonian.

DAVE BROWER, analyst on CBS Sports Network

**FIRST ELIMINATION**

8—ROYALTY FOR LIFE. The favorite is ideally drawn “outside” here to avoid any traffic trouble early. One he hits the lead, the rest will be content to chase and secure their spot in the final.

2—SMILIN ELI

7—E L ROCKET

**SECOND ELIMINATION**

1—WHEELING N DEALIN. Trainer Dustin Jones may be a “mad genius” and we’re going to find out if his preparation of the 2-year-old champ has worked effectively. He’s fresh and fit and finished strong last week.

2—APERFECTYANKII

8—CREATINE

**THIRD ELIMINATION**

6—SPIDER BLUE CHIP. Hall of Famers Sylvester and Pierce have him peaking at exactly the right time. Loved his prep at Harrah’s Philly and his dead-game performance in the Dancer.

5—CORKY

1—POSSSESSED FASHION

**FINAL**

1st—CORKY

2nd—ROYALTY FOR LIFE

3rd—CREATINE

BOB HEYDEN, ace statistician and interviewer

**FIRST ELIMINATION**

8—ROYALTY FOR LIFE. He gets an outside post but to him it is meaningless. As soon as he clears the lead it will be history.

7—EL ROCKET. He’ll be going after it early. Hambo Day has a way of keeping speed horses alive longer and he’ll benefit most from that.

2—SMILIN ELI. He missed time due to sickness and then changed barns—too much catch-up going on here for me. Tetrick vying to become the fifth driver to win the Hambo and Meadowlands Pace in the same year.

**SECOND ELIMINATION**

6—SPIDER BLUE CHIP. Has the unusual pairing of Sylvester and Pierce. Freshened up a week and have to like what we saw in the preps. Pierce can be the difference maker in a seven-figure race.

2—MURMUR HANOVER. Has shown good Canadian form and hopes to be this year’s Whiskey Tax for Waples.

**FINAL**

1st—CORKY

2nd—ROYALTY FOR LIFE

3rd—CREATINE

SAM MCKEE, announcer at the Meadowlands

**FIRST ELIMINATION**

8—ROYALTY FOR LIFE. Post eight will probably suit him fine. Sears can keep him out of trouble until the dust settles, then march to the lead. Fastest horse and they won’t beat him unless he beats himself.

7—EL ROCKET. Very nice colt with strong early speed that has really come to hand recently for the Burk e barn. Will be forwardly placed and may end up in the two hole behind Royalty For Life.

1—PUNXSUTAWNEY. I liked his qualifier last Saturday on a day when no one went any big miles. He’s a contender if he’s adapted to the trotting hobbles and his breaking issues are behind him.

**SECOND ELIMINATION**

2—APERFECTYANKII. Excellent in Pennsylvania recently and has won comfortably despite taking some air. Pointed for this race by Oscarsson and looks primed.

1—WHEELING N DEALIN. Not sure what to think with the 2-year-old champion. We’ve not seen a lot of pop at the end of his miles this year. Is it by design with patience or has he not come back as well? Finished better last week but thought he flattened out late.

7—DONTYOUFORGETIT. Nice little horse with tactical speed for a trip. The question is how will he bounce back after getting knocked around in the Yonkers Trot.

**THIRD ELIMINATION**

6—SPIDER BLUE CHIP. Much calmer and more professional this year since being gelded over the winter. He’s fit,

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"DO YOU LIKE?"

"WHO"
he’s fast, and four-time Hambo-winning trainer Sylvester can’t wait to tinker with his shoes between heats!

5—CORKY. A professional, steady and solid trotter. He and Spider Blue Chip stand out in his elim, so it could come down to who tracks who.

1—POSSESSED FASHION. Nice gelding who has some talent. He will sit close from the inside and no one is a better tactician in the big races than John Campbell.

FINAL
1st—SPIDER BLUE CHIP
2nd—ROYALTY FOR LIFE
3rd—POSSESSED FASHION

KEN WARKENTIN, the voice of this year’s Hambletonian

FIRST ELIMINATION
2—SMILIN ELI. Despite being unraced at two, he looked very classy in sweeping the Sires Stakes. Last week he got roughed up, then locked in after changing barns and missing a month due to sickness.

8—ROYALTY FOR LIFE. Proved himself a quality colt at two, and has taken a few starts to work out the kinks. His 1:51.3 qualifier and 1:52 Dancer victory says he’s fast enough. Ducharme feels he can handle heats, and initially gets a true test drawing outside a lot of speed.

SECOND ELIMINATION
5—CELEBRITY MASERATI. He’ll be overlooked here. It’s easy to forget that this is the Dexter Cup winner and that he was favored in his Beal elimination. I like him going two heats.

8—CREATINE. He’s developing at the right time. He has always had potential and could be sitting on a big mile. I look for him to improve again.

1—WHEELING N DEALIN. Made significant progress in his last start and could be ready for a peak effort. The 2-year-old champion has been conservatively handled in all three starts this year. I only wonder, is he fast enough?

THIRD ELIMINATION
2—MURMUR HANOVER. Distinguished himself as a 2-year-old in winning two OSS Gold finals and finishing second to Wheeling N Dealin in the Wellwood and third in the Breeders Crown.

5—CORKY. Takter’s best hope comes in on a roll, winning four of his last five. His Beal victory was a gutsy one and his connections believe he’s a durable colt who can outlast them in two heats.

6—SPIDER BLUE CHIP. No surprise four-time Hambo winner Chuck Syvester has him primed perfectly. “Perfect Pierce piloting” makes him the major danger.

FINAL
1st—WHEELING N DEALIN
2nd—SMILIN ELI
3rd—ROYALTY FOR LIFE

DARIN ZOCALLI, Meadowlands oddsmaker and handicapper

FIRST ELIMINATION
2—SMILIN ELI. Has overcome a lot to be in this position. He had to need his last start and figures to be much tougher this time around. Seems to be a bit of a forgotten horse.

3—DEWYCOLORINTHELINE. Entering the Hambo in peak form. Granted, he benefited from several breakers at Yonkers, but I really liked his effort in the Dancer.

8—ROYALTY FOR LIFE. The fastest trotter around, but he is prone to the miscue. Sears must be careful as Morrill (with EL Rocket) will make things tough for him going into the first turn.

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THIRD ELIMINATION
1—POSSESSED FASHION. Unleashed a tremendous stretch drive in his last Meadowlands start. I think he is better on the big track and for handicappers, we should get square value. Looks the type that will benefit from the return to the heat format. I see an upside in a colt that has already shown an affinity for this racetrack.

6—SPIDER BLUE CHIP. Has a chance to win it all for Sylvester. He never seems to put forth a bad effort and there isn’t a trotter in this Hambo that he can’t go with.

5—CORKY. There aren’t many ways to knock this colt as he is honest as they come. He’ll be a factor from start to finish. Won four of his last five, including the Beal.

FINAL
1st—POSSESSED FASHION
2nd—CELEBRITY MASERATI
3rd—SPIDER BLUE CHIP
Bee A Magician Heavy Favorite, But Oaks Still A Race

Driver Brian Sears isn’t sure it’s realistic for any horse to be a 2-5 favorite to win a premier event, including the $500,000 Hambletonian Oaks. But those are the morning line odds for Bee A Magician, who Sears will be driving.

“I never underestimate anything in a race,” said Sears, who won the 2009 Oaks with fourth choice Broadway Schooner in a four-filly blanket finish. “You can’t take anything for granted in a race like this.”

Bee A Magician is undefeated in eight starts this season and has proven so superior in her division that many observers have speculated that she could beat the colts. The filly’s trainer, Richard “Nifty” Norman, said it’s not in the filly’s best interests to race her heats against the colts, and her owners, Herb Liverman, Mel Hartman and Dave McDuffee, have stuck to the team’s plan.

While Bee A Magician’s foes are respectful, they haven’t forgotten recent Oaks history.

Last year Check Me Out was showing such extraordinary talent that she too was discussed as a filly who could take on the colts. In the Oaks, however, she made an uncharacteristic break in stride while leading the race, which allowed Personal Style—took off when I started to pull them—I didn’t even have to pull them all the way down,” said Miller of the equipment changed.

“Last week (when she won her Oaks elim in 1:53.1) she took off when I started to pull them—I didn’t even have to pull them all the way down,” said Miller of the equipment changed.

“Last week she was very good,” said Yannick Gingras, who regularly drives the filly for trainer Jimmy Takter. “Jimmy is taking the flip-flop shoes off and using regular shoes. I heard she has trained like a bearcat. I’m looking forward to racing her Saturday.” — By Kathy Parker

$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks

Meadowlands, Saturday, August 2, Race 11, Post Time: 4:14 pm

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Driver David Miller was onboard for the lucky win with Personal Style last year. This year he’ll be taking his shot with Mistery woman, a filly his wife, Misty, co-owns with Bill Donovan, Aldebaran Park (Australian Michael Taranto), and Millstream Inc., the stable name of trainer Jonas Czernyson and his wife, Christine.

Czernyson, who won the Oaks in 2005 with Jalopy, believes Mistery Woman and Ma Chere Hall, another Oaks contender he trains, will both be very competitive, even if it turns out that they can’t beat Bee A Magician on Saturday.

“They both trained really well today,” Czernyson said on Wednesday.

Miller said his starting post position in the Oaks (4) gives him plenty of options. “The way the draw came out, I think there will be a couple leave to try to get a trip, and then Brian (Sears) will retake. If it looks like leaving and crossing over is going to be easy, I might consider it.”

Before Mistery Woman started in the Del Miller Memorial on July 13, Czernyson changed the filly’s bridle, adding Swedish “pull down” blinds.

“Last week (when she won her Oaks elim in 1:53.1) she took off when I started to pull them—I didn’t even have to pull them all the way down,” said Miller of the equipment changed.

“She started out too hot this year,” said Czernyson of Mistery Woman. “So we’ve been taking more and more equipment off.”

Czernyson also will be sending out Ma Chere Hall, one of the fastest sophomore trotting fillies this year with a mark of 1:52.4. But she’ll be starting from post 10.

“When she trotted in 1:52, she was out from the half home, so I just told Corey (Callahan) the post is just a starting point,” said Czernyson philosophically.

Last year’s 2-Year-Old Filly Trotter of the Year To Dream On is also in the Oaks, but she’s had a hard-luck season thus far until the Oaks elimination, when she finished third.

“Last week she was very good,” said Yannick Gingras, who regularly drives the filly for trainer Jimmy Takter. “Jimmy is taking the flip-flop shoes off and using regular shoes. I heard she has trained like a bearcat. I’m looking forward to racing her Saturday.” — By Kathy Parker
Cashman Memorial Honors Late Racing Leader

If you are looking for the Nat Ray Invitational on this year’s Hambletonian Day card, simply turn to Race 10 for the John A. Cashman Jr. Memorial final. The Nat Ray Invitational, which honored the driver who won the very first Hambletonian, in 1926, has been renamed to recognize Cashman, who died last September at age 73 after battling pancreatic cancer.

A native of New York, Cashman was one of harness racing’s most active and influential leaders through his work as president of Castleton Farm, as a racetrack executive at The Red Mile and Pompano Park, by serving on boards such as the U.S. Trotting Association, American Horse Council, and Kentucky Racing Commission, and as a director of The Hambletonian Society, where he served as chairman of the Society’s executive committee from 2008 until his passing.

“Hambletonian Day at the Meadowlands was one of his favorite days of the year,” said Cashman’s eldest son, John Cashman III. “He liked troters and he loved seeing the battles between the older troters.”

John A. Cashman Jr.’s wife, Nancy, and their five children planned to be at the track to present the trophy for the race.

If not for drawing post position 9, Market Share, the winner of last year’s Hambletonian, might have seemed unbeatable in the Cashman Memorial. Despite starting from post 8 in the Maple Leaf Trot at Mohawk on July 20, he trounced the field, winning by 2 ½ lengths over Mister Herbie.

“They just had to handicap him to make it fair!” joked Tim Tetrick, Market Share’s regular driver, when asked about winning from post 9 at the Meadowlands.

“Seriously, there will be 10 horses on the gate and I’m sure everyone will be going forward at the start, so it will be a tough race,” continued Tetrick. “But he’s a good horse, and I think he’s the sharpest troter out there right now.”

Among the starters in the Cashman Memorial is Arch Madness, who is about $78,000 shy of hitting the $4 million mark in career earnings. Since he is now 9 years old, this might be his last chance to win the big race for older troters on Hambletonian Day. This will be his fourth appearance in the race, with two second-place finishes but no victory.

After the Hambletonian hoopla, older pacers will get their chance in the spotlight in Race 14, the U.S. Pacing Championship. The 10-horse field includes the richest pacer of all time, Foiled Again, but he will have his work cut out for him since he was unlucky at the draw and will start from post 10. Last year’s winner of the race, Golden Receiver, is back to defend is title and will start from post 5—the winningest post at the Meadowlands. He showed he’s on top of his game when he was second, beaten only a nose, in an elimination last Saturday.—By Kathy Parker

$321,700 Merrie Annabelle

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Father Patrick—The Horse—Ready For Peter Haughton Race

When the Rev. Patrick McDonnell (above, with Father Patrick) found out there was a 2 year old named after him, he was flattered. He also was a little perplexed.

The 2 year old in this case was a racehorse. Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, who lives in East Windsor, N.J., named a colt trotter Father Patrick in honor of the Rev. McDonnell, who is the pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Hightstown, N.J.

“He has all the things I like in a horse.”
– Jimmy Takter on Father Patrick

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Takter became friends with the Rev. McDonnell through attending early morning services at St. Anthony. The two have known each other for a little more than a year.

“It was nice that it started off with him coming to morning prayer when he could,” the Rev. McDonnell said. “The door was open and we got to know each other.”

Stephen won 10 of 22 lifetime races and earned $1.04 million before seeing his career cut short by injury.

Father Patrick was purchased for $105,000 as a yearling (under the name Royal Press) at the Lexington Selected Sale and is owned by a group headed by Takter’s wife, Christina.

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R. Boyd & D. Cox

2G 1:55.4 DIBS, Pine Valley-Cg’s Gem-Shady Character
C. Gajda

HALF-MILE TRACKS

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B. Gray, D. Menary & M. Guerriero

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MILE TRACKS

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(Spring Haven Fm.)

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R.J. Coyne, B.C. & E.R. Corbeil & Ron Coyne Stbs. Perretti Rcg Stb
(IM 6-29) M. Miller, R. Coyne Jr.

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West Wins Stb., A. Harris & A. Sorella

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Hambo Trainers Have Horses In Under Saddle Race

The $32,800 Hambletonian Monte Series final will go postward at the Meadowlands on Hambletonian Day between the second and third races. The purse for the race was raised through donations.

Last year Helene Gregory, who helps recruit riders and promote racing under saddle (RUS), won the exhibition race. Gregory, the wife of horseman Jeff Gregory, rode Master Pine and they defeated nine other horses.

This year’s race has a field of 12 qualifying point leaders, including six who have won 2013 monte races: Chinese Cuisine, Motown Dreamgirl, Point of Honour, A Penny Earned, FlexThe Muscle and Sundance Bayama.

Also in the field are horses trained by George Ducharme and Ray Schnittker, who have solid contenders in the Hambletonian (Royalty For Life and Dewycolorintheline, respectively). Schnittker is also planning to ride his entry, FlexThe Muscle, who competed in the top stakes for his division as a 3 year old.

All of the trotters have had conventional sulky careers, with their records and purse money earned in those races noted below. Their records while racing under saddle can be found in the program. Click here for the program page.

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Where’s “The Captain”?

This time last year, Captaintreacherous was a precocious 2 year old who was poised to turn heads on Hambletonian Day in the Woodrow Wilson. He won that race in 1:49.3, a stakes and track record time.

With the exception of racing in a qualifier on Friday morning at the Meadowlands, he is sitting out this year’s Hambletonian week. After winning all of six of his starts thus far this season, which included the $1 million North America Cup, $500,000 Max Hempt Memorial Pace and $635,700 Meadowlands Pace, he was given some time off from the racing wars.

Recently the Captain received a visit from this year’s Miss New Jersey Rodeo Queen, Amanda Thompson, who stopped by trainer Tony Alagna’s barn at Gaitway Farm near Freehold, N.J.
Friday night there are plenty of 2 year olds in action at the Meadowlands in the Kindergarten series, beginning in the very first race. Race 1 includes the $350,000 yearling TRIXTON, a son of Muscle Hill and the stakes-winning Emilie Cas El, who is a sister to the top brother trio Andover Hall, Angus Hall and Conway Hall. The colt has won all four of his starts—one pari-mutuel and three baby races—and is highly regarded by his trainer, Jimmy Takter.

In Race 5, another Kindergarten division for trotting colts, Hambletonian Oaks champions Winky's Goal (1993), Silver Springs (2004) and Creamy Mimi (2008) have offspring competing. SILVERHILLVOLO (Muscle Hill-Silver Springs) starts from post 5, KING CITY (Muscle Hill-Creamy Mimi) lines up in post 6, and DRIBBLING (Broadway Hall-Winky's Goal) starts from post 9.

On Saturday at the Meadowlands, 3-year-old pacing fillies kick off the day by competing in the Miss New Jersey. I LUV THE NITELIFE and MS CAILA J FRA have drawn inside (post 2 and 3, respectively) and have an advantage over JERSEYLICIOUS (post 7), who proved she likes the Meadowlands track when she won the Sweetheart last year on Hambo Day.

Race 2 continues the parade of 2-year-old trotters with the $321,700 Merrie Annabelle for fillies. The undefeated fillies LIFETIME PURSUIT (3 for 3) and SHAKE IT CERRY (2 for 2) will be the favorites, and both are trained by Jimmy Takter. Shake It Cerry was bred by Takter and is named for his sister, Cerry (pronounced Kerry).

Race 3 is the Ima Lula final, and it has attracted the top trotting mares. Last year’s top 3-year-old trotting fillies will all be in attendance—WIN MISSY B, CHECK ME OUT, PERSONAL STYLE and MAVEN. In Race 4, pacing mares will be battling in the Lady Liberty. ANNDROVETTE has finished first or second in 11 of 13 starts this season, but she’ll be facing the two mares who have beaten her, FEELING YOU and CAMILLE.

Freshman trotting colts will be competing in Race 5, the $280,500 Peter Haughton Memorial. Trainer Takter sends out the betting favorite, the ultra-fast FATHER PATRICK, who won a Haughton elimination in 1:53.4 over NUNCIO. Takter is trying for his fourth Peter Haughton Memorial win, capturing the race with Enjoy Lavec (1998), Tom Ridge (2003) and Weingartner (2011). He would have four except for the disqualification of Pastor Stephen in the 2010 edition of the race.

Nuncio is trained by Jim Oscarsson, who won last year’s Peter Haughton with Aperfectyankee. Oscarsson trains the colt for Stefan Melander’s Stall TZ. Melander, who started his career in harness racing as a caretaker and professional photographer and then gravitated to training, breeding, owning and driving horses, won the 2001 Hambletonian with Scarlet Knight. Oscarsson said Nuncio is “perfect,” and joked that his only worry before the race was that Melander would call and tell him he wanted to drive the colt. John Campbell has been driving the colt regularly and will be in the sulky Saturday.

The Anthony Abbatello SBOA New Jersey Classic final will bring pacers back to the stage at the Meadowlands for Race 13. WORD POWER (post 6), fresh off a :26.3 rally in the Adios final, which earned him third money, is the betting favorite but will be facing a tough field.

The final race on the Meadowlands card, Race 15, features older pacers and one of them will earn the distinction of winning the last race in front of the original grandstand at the Big M. When the Meadowlands re-opens on Nov. 23, the starting and finishing points of the race will be flipped to accommodate the new grandstand located along the present backstretch.

On Sunday, Harrah's Philadelphia will be the stage for Pennsylvania-sired 2-year-old pacing colts (post time 12:40 p.m., with four divisions) and Tioga Downs will play host to eliminations for the Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) for 3-year-old pacing colts. The first EBC elim (Race 4) includes Meadowlands Pace runner-up ODDS ON EQUULEUS (post 1) and Adios runner-up VEGAS VACATION while Adios champ SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP will start from post 4 in Race 8.
Seibel New Announcer At Cal Expo

Gary Seibel, The “Voice of the Hambletonian” and prior to his time with the TVG network the announcer at Pompano Park for many Breeders Crown championships, will soon become the “Voice of Cal Expo,” too.

Seibel will take over announcing duties when Cal Expo in Sacramento, Calif., re-opens for harness racing on Oct. 5. He will also serve as host of Cal Expo’s simulcast broadcast to outlets nationwide.

“I’m really looking forward to getting back to the sights and sounds of the racetrack,” Seibel told Debbie Arrington of the Sacramento Bee in a phone interview from his home outside Las Vegas. “My roots are as an announcer. ... I’ve missed being around the horses. This seems like a very good fit for me and I’m really excited.”

Seibel, 61, served as track announcer at Pompano Park for 18 years. Since 1999, he’s primarily worked as a broadcaster, including a dozen years on horse racing network TVG. He also hosted ESPN’s Breeders Crown coverage for more than a decade.

Pontones Looking For Hambletonian Repeat

It might be a longshot for Tom and Lou Pontone to visit the winner’s circle again in Saturday’s $1.2 million Hambletonian Stakes, but that is better than no shot.

The Pontones’ TLP Stable and Mario Zuanetti’s Atlantic Trot share ownership of Banco Solo, who is competing in the third of three Hambletonian elimins and is 15-1 on the morning line. Jim Morrill Jr. will drive the colt for trainer Ken Oscarsson. Corky (2-1 on the morning line) and Spider Blue Chip (5-2) are the favorites in the elim.

“Listen, you have to be there to win,” Lou Pontone said. “That’s what we’re doing.”

Winning the Hambletonian is something that has become familiar to the Pontones. They won in 2009 with Muscle Hill and made another trip to hoist the trophy last year with Market Share. Only nine owners have won the Hambletonian more than twice in the history of the event, which began in 1926.

Banco Solo is winless in seven races this year. He finished third in a 3-year-old open for Hambletonian eligible horses on July 27 at the Meadowlands. The race was won by Corky in 1:54.3. Banco Solo was 4 3/4 lengths back, timed in 1:55.3.

He was third in a division of the Currier & Ives at The Meadows and fourth in the Reynolds Memorial at the Meadowlands. He was nosed out for a spot in the final of the $500,000 Beal Memorial at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs despite trotting a 1:53.1 mile.

“He’s been OK, he’s just had some bad racing luck,” said Oscarsson, whose younger brother Jim trains and drives Hambletonian contender Aperfectyankee in the second elim. “He seems like he’s good enough (to go in the Hambletonian). He feels good and acts like everything is fine. He feels stronger this year; he really grew up and is more mature. He’s got the speed to go with them, but hasn’t had the racing luck. It’s been frustrating.”

Last year, Banco Solo closed the campaign by winning seven of his last eight starts, including the $206,000 Kindergarten Classic final at Vernon Downs. He finished the season with seven wins in 10 races and earned $157,481.

“We didn’t think the (Hambletonian) field this year was that strong, like in some previous years,” Tom Pontone said. “Who knows what happens. There’s not a horse out there that you could really say is the horse to beat. It’s not like there is a Donato Hanover or Deweycheatumhnowe or Muscle Hill. We had the possibility to get in the race, so we said why not try it.”

Muscle Hill won the Hambletonian in 1:50.1, setting the stakes record and equaling the time for the fastest mile ever trotted on a mile track. He was a perfect 12-for-12 as a 3-year-old and was named Horse of the Year.

“When you have a horse like Muscle Hill it spoils you,” Tom Pontone said. “We never went to a race expecting to lose; we went to every race wondering by how many lengths we were going to win.

“You have to come back to reality and hope you can get another good horse that can maybe win some big races. Maybe he doesn’t. But you just accept it and go forward and give that horse the opportunity to do the best he can.”

The Pontones are hoping Banco Solo’s best is Saturday.

“He’s been gradually improving every week,” Tom Pontone said, “so we figured we’d give him a shot.” (HRC)

Business At Scioto Still Climbing

With 12 racing weeks completed in the 2013 Scioto Downs Racino live harness racing schedule, the numbers are encouraging for the Columbus five-eighths mile oval. The increase in purses from the VLT machines that were installed and saw the first money go through them on June 1, 2012, has re-energized the horsemens that have been racing there for years.

“Owners are going out and buying more horses to race here,” said Scioto’s general manager of racing operations Stacy Cahill. “The more horses that race here, the more competitive and full our fields get, and then more people wager on the product.”

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People all over the nation are paying more attention to the races at Scioto in 2013. The amount wagered off track on live Scioto races is up 100.045 percent from last year, while live on track handle is up 17.2 percent.

“There have been a lot of improvements for racing over the past year, so it’s hard to pinpoint the exact change that had the most impact,” continued Cahill. “But there are a lot of things that when put together, create movement for our product.”

Some of those changes include: an updated clubhouse and TVs for those dining and wagering on track; more races with higher purses; larger fields with more competitive races and some different drivers coming in from other states, including Ronnie Wrenn Jr. from Michigan and current leading driver Tony Hall, who had most recently been racing in Pennsylvania.

Scioto has also been seeing an impact from the currently running River Downs meet at Beulah Park, just nine miles away. River Downs, in Cincinnati, is building a grandstand this summer and making way for the VLT facility on grounds, which prevented horses from racing there at the same time. The Ohio State Racing Commission approved the race meet to be held at Beulah Park for 2013. Previously Scioto and Beulah had an agreement that allowed each track to benefit from being the only track in the Columbus area running a live race meet and simulcast parlor. The total amount wagered at Scioto on imported signals is down 11.38 percent this year over 2012.

“For many years, we had an agreement that Beulah would race from mid-September through Kentucky Derby Day and also be the only facility open for simulcasting,” explained Cahill. “Then on the Sunday after the Derby, we would open our doors for simulcasting with the live race meet starting later that week.

“Now, with the River meet at Beulah, they are open for simulcasting at the same time we are and our import numbers are suffering—we are not doing the business we have in previous years as the Thoroughbred players are staying at Beulah all year.” (Scioto Downs)

Michigan Owners Die In Explosion

Longtime Michigan-based owners Dave and Sue Miller were killed in an explosion at 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon (July 30) at their home in Thetford Township, which is a few miles north of Flint and 65 miles northwest of Detroit.

Reports state that Dave Miller was using a backhoe on his property and hit a gas line. Miller reported the incident to Consumers Energy, which sent a technician to the house. When the technician went back outside to go to his truck to get tools and call for other workers, that’s when the house suddenly exploded. Local authorities are investigating the cause of the blast.

Ray Fisher Jr. Returns To Sulky Friday At Batavia

It has only been 20 days since Ray Fisher Jr., the 2013 Buffalo Raceway driving champion, went down in a horrific accident. But he’s gotten the green light to return and will be in the sulky Friday night at Batavia Downs for the first time this season.

Fisher suffered two broken vertebrae and a fractured pelvis in the July 12 spill during the third race at Buffalo Raceway, a $57,443 New York Sires Stakes event for 2-year-old pacing fillies.

In what was described as one of the worst spills in Western New York harness racing history, Fisher was driving All About Boyz and was thrown to the track in an accident which involved three other horses and drivers Andrew McCarthy, Jimmy Whittemore and Jack Flanigen.

Fisher was taken off the track via ambulance along with Flanigen but was released from the hospital later the next day. Flanigen has yet to return to the races.

“I knew when I couldn’t get up I was hurt badly,” Fisher said. “I’ve been in accidents before, one nasty one at Northfield when there was still a hub rail, but I was able to walk away after a minute or two, this time, I just couldn’t get up.”

Fisher was transported to a trauma center where X-rays and a cat scan were taken.

“When the doctors wouldn’t talk to me I figured I had some serious injuries.”

While the fall to the ground broke his pelvis, his race bike caused the injuries to his vertebrae after it landed squarely on his chest. Fisher wasn’t wearing a safety vest.

“I wouldn’t have broken my back if I had a safety vest on. I’ll be wearing one on Friday.”

Fisher has driven in 23,004 races, he’s won 3,453, and his drives have earned $13.7 million.

Friday night, Fisher returns and will try to get into the Batavia Downs driver’s race after giving everyone a six-day head start. Fortunately, it’s not an insurmountable lead as Shawn McDonough and Jim McNeight are on top with 10 victories each and there is nearly four months of racing remaining.

Fisher is currently scheduled to drive in nine of the 12 races in his 2013 Batavia Downs debut, including being behind Ziegfeld in the $8,500 Open Trot which is slated for the second race.

Fisher won 149 times in 790 starts at Buffalo Raceway to claim the driving title, beating John Cummings, Jr. by a mere four victories. His mounts earned $754,213 on the year at Buffalo and he had a universal driver’s rating of .309. (Batavia Downs)
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      PA Stallion 2FT (Mea) |
| 6    | INSS 2CP/3FP/3FT (HoP)  
      NYSS 3CT (Stga)  
      PA Stallion 2FP (PcD)  
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| 7    | Historic 2CT (Phi)  
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      Ohio Breeders 2FP/3FT/3ST (Stga) |
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      MSRF 2YOs (OD)  
      NYSS 2CT (Mea)  
      NYSS 2FT (Stga)  
      NYSS 2FT (YR)  
      OHSS 3FP/3FT (Stga)  
      OHSS 3YOs (Lex) |
| 16   | Canadian Pacing Derby elims (Moh)  
      INSS 2CT/2FT (HoP)  
      KYSS 3YOs-2nd leg (Lex)  
      PASS 3CP (Phl)  
      PASS 3FT (Phl)  
      PASS 3FT (Stga)  
      She's A Great Lady 2FP elims (Moh) |
| 17   | Battle of the Brandywine 2FP (GRv)  
      Battle of Waterloo 2CP (GRv)  
      ONSS Mid-Season 2CT/2FT (Moh)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (Mea)  
      PA Stallion 2FP (PcD)  
      PA Stallion 3FT (Mea)  
      Townsend Ackerman OT (Mea) |
| 18   | Frank Ryan OHT (RicS)  
      NYSS 3CT (Stga)  
      OHSS 2YOs (RP) |
| 19   | MDSS 2YOs (OD)  
      MDSS 2YOs (OP) |
| 20   | INSS 2FP/3FT (HoP)  
      NYSS 2FT (YR)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (Phl) |
| 21   | Ky. Stallion Mgmt. 2FT (Lex)  
      NYSS 3FP (Stga)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (Phl)  
      PASS 2FT (Stga)  
      She's A Great Lady 2FP elims (Moh) |
| 22   | INSS 2FP/3FT (HoP)  
      Ky. Stallion Mgmt. 2FT (Lex)  
      NYSS 3FP (Stga)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (PcD)  
      PASS 2FT (Phl)  
      PASS 2FT (Stga)  
      She's A Great Lady 2FP elims (Moh) |
| 23   | Champion 2FT (Moh)  
      Helen Smith 3FT elims (PcD)  
      Historic 2CP (Phi)  
      INSS 2CT (HoP)  
      INSS 3CT (HoP)  
      INSS 3FT (Stga)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (Phl) |
| 24   | Babc 2CP/2FP elims (Phl)  
      Champion 2FT (Moh)  
      Babc 2CP/2FP elims (Phl)  
      Champion 2FT (Moh)  
      Historic 2FP (Phi)  
      INSS 3CT (HoP)  
      INSS 3FT (Stga)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (Phl)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (Phl)  
      PA Stallion 2FT (Stga)  
      Simcoe 3CT (Moh) |

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