



# Capricornus

Bay colt, 3 by Cantab Hall – Oh My Darlin by Glidemaster

**OWNER:** Jj Racing Stable [Jelena Fironova]  
**BREEDER:** Windsong Stable, PA  
**SALE INFO:** Standardbred Horse Sale – Harrisburg \$110,000  
**TRAINER:** Marcus Melander  
**DRIVER:** Tim Tetrick

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	EARNINGS	MARK
2020	5	0	2	1	\$16,204	NA
2019	10	3	2	3	\$198,885	1:55.1 Wbsb
LIFETIME	15	3	4	4	\$215,089	2 1:55.1 Wbsb

- Finished third in his Hambletonian elimination behind Ready For Moni and Threesiftytwo. He is leaving from post 7 in the final and listed at 15-1.
- Started his sophomore season with two close seconds in condition races at The Meadowlands and Harrah's Philadelphia, followed by a fifth in the Reynolds Stakes and sixth in a Stanley Dancer Memorial division, both at The Meadowlands.
- "Capricornus showed last year he was a very nice horse," Melander said after his first qualifier of the season. "Tim [Tetrick] said he was very pleased with him, and it was a little hard to catch [EL Ideal] in the stretch because it was a little bit windy [and] there were good fractions since it was their only qualifier. Capricornus was good."



- As a freshman, he had a strong showing at the Red Mile with a second in a division of the Bluegrass and a third in the International Sire Stakes.
- "I really liked what I saw and he really dug in all the way," said Melander of Capricornus after his score in his William Wellwood elimination in 1:55.1 at Woodbine Mohawk Park. "He's got a really good attitude and that's really important and he's a really nice gaited-horse and a pleasure to drive."
- Capricornus held off longshot HP Royal Theo, winning his William Wellwood elimination in 1:55.1 for a personal best. He finished second in the final.
- Won a leg of the Kindergarten for his first two-year-old win in 1:55.2. He followed that up with a third in his Peter Haughton elimination and a fourth place finish in the final on Hambo Day 2019.
- Tim Tetrick, 38, won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share, trained by Linda Toscano. He has twice finished second in the final, with Smilin Eli in 2013 and Crazyed in 2008. He was fifth in 2019 with Green Manalishi S, who was an elimination winner.
- Tetrick has two wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with Bar Slide in 2010 and Danae in 2007. He was third in 2019 with Asiago.
- In 2019, Tetrick was elected to the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.
- Tetrick led the sport in purses in 2019 with \$15.6 million. He also led in 2018 and for seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013. He ranks No. 3 all time in earnings, with \$221 million. Tetrick has topped \$10 million each of the past 13 years, which is a record.
- Tetrick has ranked among the top 10 drivers in wins for 15 consecutive years. He has won more than 11,600 career races and ranks No. 8 all-time in the category. He was 37 when he reached 11,000 last June, shattering the record for youngest driver to reach 11,000, which was set previously by a 42-year-old Walter Case Jr. in 2003.
- 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.
- He also was Driver of the Year in 2008, 2012 and 2013.
- 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.
- Marcus Melander, 28, was voted the 2019 Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. Age 27 at the time, he was the youngest trainer to ever receive the honor. The recognition came one year after he was named the Rising Star Award winner by the same organization.
- Melander's top horse last year was Greenshoe, who was named Trotter of the Year. Greenshoe won his Hambletonian elimination and finished second in the final. The colt was one of three Hambletonian finalists for Melander. Green Manalishi S won his elimination and was fifth in the final; Gimpanzee was fourth in his elimination and third in the final.
- Greenshoe and Gimpanzee both earned more than \$1 million in 2019. Melander became only the second trainer to have two million-dollar-earning trotters in the same division in the same season, joining Jimmy Takter.
- Earlier this season, Gimpanzee won the Hambletonian Maturity for 4-year-olds at the Meadowlands.
- The Melander-trained Miss Trixton finished fourth in the 2019 Hambletonian Oaks.
- Melander made his Hambletonian debut in 2017 and saw Enterprise win his elimination and then finish fourth-placed-third in the final. Melander's Long Tom also raced in an elimination, leading through three-quarters of a mile before going off stride and failing to reach the final.
- In 2018, Evaluate finished fourth in his Hambletonian elimination and fifth in the final.
- Melander came to the U.S. from Sweden and worked for four-time Hambletonian-winning trainer Jimmy Takter before starting his own stable in late 2014. He is based in New Egypt, N.J., at a farm that was previously home to the legendary Stanley Dancer, a five-time Hambletonian winner, as well as Continental Farms stables. Melander has won more than 150 races and \$6 million in purses in his career.
- Growing up in Sweden, Melander stayed up all hours of the night following the results of U.S. harness racing. He was making a name for himself as a driver in Europe but was always fascinated by racing in the States. At age 19, Melander won Sweden's equivalent to the U.S. Harness Writers Association's Rising Star Award. He had just more than 100 wins when the Melanders moved to America.
- Melander's uncle, Stefan Melander, won the 2001 Hambletonian as trainer and driver with Scarlet Knight.
- Melander has two other Hambletonian contenders: Rome Pays Off and Hollywood Story.

- Cantab Hall has sired two previous Hambletonian Oaks winners – Wild Honey (2014) and Lifetime Pursuit (2015).