

FAST AS THE WIND

Bay colt, 3 by Cantab Hall – Wind Stroll – Muscle Mass



OWNER: Leblanc & Kribbs, NY; Joe Sbrocco, OH; John Schumcker, IN; Fodera, Barbera, Frank, NY
BREEDER: Tony Holmes & Walter Zent, KY
SALE INFO: \$95,000 Lexington Selected
TRAINER: Tony Alagna
DRIVER: Yannick Gingras

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	8	2	3	1	\$155,642	1:52.2 Wbsb
2021	15	5	1	3	\$566,007	1:53.2 M
LIFETIME	23	7	4	4	\$721,649	3, 1:52.2 Wbsb

- Fast As The Wind finished second in his elimination behind Rebuff. He drew post three in the final and is listed at odds of 8-1.
- Alagna on the elim: “He was much better. We’ve been fighting some bloodwork issues with him, which we went through last year with him a little bit, but [Saturday] he was much better. He needed the race in the Dancer so I could give him the past week off and it seemed to work. He was very good. I think he’s definitely on the improve.”
- Alagna on season overall: “He started the year phenomenal but then we hit a little road bump coming back from Canada where his bloodwork was off. He didn’t fire at all in the Zweig, so we’ve been working on it.”
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination off a sixth place finish in the Zweig Memorial and a fifth place finish in his Stanley Dancer division at the Meadowlands on July 16.
- Finished second in his Reynolds division behind Hambletonian favorite Rebuff on July 1 at the Meadowlands.
- After his Goodtimes triumph driver Dexter Dunn was asked about Fast As The Wind’s Hambo prospects, “It looks like quite an even bunch of trotters here. Like I said, he hasn’t done anything wrong and he’s heading in the right direction. He is versatile and he has a good last quarter in him.”
- Won his Goodtimes elimination and captured the final in a personal best of 1:52.2 at Woodbine Mohawk Park on June 18.

- Began his sophomore campaign against older horses at the Meadowlands. He finished third in a non-winners event behind Rattle My Cage and Delayed Hanover and finished second behind JL Cruze on June 3 at the Meadowlands.
- “He was good early, but then he got some sickness like a lot of our horses in Lexington,” Tony Alagna said after his win in the Valley Victory at the Meadowlands to close out his two-year-old. “We left Lexington [and] he just started to come out of the sickness. Since he’s been back here at The Meadowlands, he’s been phenomenal. But early in the year, he was third in the Peter Haughton, and we thought we had a real player until the sickness hit him in Lexington.”
- Trainer Alagna on changes from 2 to 3: “He’s grown up so much. He’s really filled out. He’s a gorgeous animal. You can’t not appreciate what he looks like, that’s for sure.”
- He captured the \$300,960 Kindergarten Final in 1:55 and the \$413,600 Valley Victory in 1:53.2 to close out his freshman campaign.
- Fast As The Wind got sick in Lexington and failed to post a win at The Red Mile. He returned to the Meadowlands, finished third in his Breeders Crown elimination and a close second from post ten in the final at 80-1 behind Rebuff.
- Won his first two starts as a freshman at the Meadowlands and finished a strong third in the Peter Haughton on Hambletonian Day 2021 after being parked out wide for half the race.
- Yannick Gingras, who was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y., on July 3, holds the record for most driving wins in the Hambletonian Oaks with six.
- He won the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella for trainer Nancy Takter. His previous five victories came for Takter’s father, Jimmy, in consecutive years, 2014 through 2018.
- Gingras has finished second in the Hambletonian on three occasions. He was runner-up with Ready For Moni in 2020, Southwind Frank in 2016, and filly Mission Brief in 2015.
- In 2021, Gingras finished fourth in the Hambletonian final with Delayed Hanover.
- Gingras’ biggest win so far this year came July 16 when he won the Meadowlands Pace with Beach Glass.
- A third-generation horseman from Quebec, Gingras arrived in the U.S. in 2001 and established himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway. In 2003, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association and in 2004 he moved his base to the Meadowlands. He has won multiple Big M driving titles, most recently in 2020.
- Gingras, who has won more than 8,200 races lifetime, ranks fifth in career driving purses with \$208 million. He led the sport in earnings four consecutive years, 2014-2017.
- He has sat behind three Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year winners: Tall Dark Stranger in 2020, Hannelore Hanover in 2017, and JK She’salady in 2014.

- Among his many other accomplishments, Gingras is known for his association with pacer Foiled Again, who retired in 2018 as the richest horse in harness racing history with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings.
- Tony Alagna, 50, won the Hambletonian in 2020 with filly trotting sensation Ramona Hill. She retired with over \$1.3 million in earnings.
- In 2021, Alagna enjoyed a career best season overall with \$7.97 million and 212 wins. He won the Valley Victory and a Kindergarten Classic Final with Fast As The Wind.
- 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 was solely responsible for his first horse at 10. Soon after graduating from high school, Alagna was assisting his mom with her stable.
- Alagna 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.
- Sire Cantab Hall, 2004 Hambletonian runner up, finished his career with over \$1.4 million in earnings. He sired 2015 Hambletonian Oaks winners Wild Honey (2015) and Lifetime Pursuit (2014). His other notable offspring include Father Patrick [\$2.5 million], Crystal Fashion [\$2.1 million] and Explosive Matter [\$1.5 million), who was second to Muscle Hill in 2009.