

OH WELL

Brown colt, 3 by Muscle Hill – Fine Tuned Lady – Cantab Hall



OWNER: SRF Stable [Lennart Agren & Jan Johnson], Lighthouse Point, FL

BREEDER: Concord Stud Farm, New Jersey

SALE INFO: \$530,000 Harrisburg Standardbred

TRAINER: Marcus Melander

DRIVER: Tim Tetrick

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2023	6	1	5	0	\$175,205	1:51.2 M
2022	8	4	3	0	\$740,380	1:53.1 M
LIFETIME	14	5	8	0	\$915,585	3 1:51.2 M

- Finished second in his Hambletonian elimination behind upsetter Point Of Perfect. Drew post two in the final.
- "I've been super happy [with his season before tonight]. He trotted in 1:50 and he got beat just every time right at the wire. Every race could have gone his way. He raced good enough to win every time," said Tetrick after Stanley Dancer win. "We've been playing with the open bridle all year to get him in shape. He's a great, great big horse. He put the blind bridle on him tonight and he really responded. He's a great big lazy colt. He doesn't really pay attention all the time. When he gets his mind on business, he knows what's going on. When the summer comes and when he's hot and tight, he can carry the mail."
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination with a win in his Stanley Dancer division on July 15, earning a personal best of 1:51.2.
- Began his three year old campaign with four straight second place finishes including two NJSS legs and Final and the Reynolds – all at the Meadowlands.
- "He did everything right from the start. He was a beautiful colt," offered Melander. "Obviously he cost a lot of money, but just because you buy a high-priced yearling doesn't mean that they're going to be good. We've bought a lot of expensive horses that turn out to be pretty bad. He covers a lot of ground, and he's just a great horse."
- Oh Well's biggest win of his career came in the \$7440,000 Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

- Melander, "After we won the New Jersey Classic, I spoke to Steve [Stewart of Mohawk Million slot owner Hunterton Farms] the day after. They had a spot, and I talked to the owner, Lennart. He needed a couple of hours to think about the decision, and he said let's go for it after a while. I'm glad he did."
- Took the NJSS Final as a two year old over fellow Hambletonian contenders Point Of Perfect and Celebrity Bambino. He also took the inaugural NJ Classic A division over Celebrity Bambino in September.
- In 2020, Tetrick was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He won his sixth Meadowlands pace on July 15, 2023 with Confederate for trainer Brett Pelling.
- Tim Tetrick won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share, trained by Linda Toscano. Market Share received divisional Dan Patch Award honors and finished second to stablemate Chapter Seven for Trotter of the Year. Tetrick has finished second three times in the Hambletonian final, with Smilin Eli in 2013, Crazyed in 2008 and Spy Booth in 2021.
- The Bionic Man has three wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with Fashion Schooner for trainer Jim Campbell in 2022, Bar Slide for trainer Joe Holloway in 2010 and Danae for trainer George Teague Jr. in 2007.
- He ranks third in all-time driver purses with more than \$260 million. He led the sport in earnings in 2019 and 2018 as well as for seven consecutive years, 2007 through 2013. He has finished no worse than third in the money standings in each of the past 15 years. Tetrick ranks seventh in career wins with more than 13,460. He has finished among the Top 10 in wins each of the past 18 years.
- 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.
- 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 is seeking his first Hambletonian trophy. In 2022, Marcus Melander finished second and third with Joviality S (filly) and Temporal Hanover. His other contender Periculum finished fifth. In 2021, Marcus Melander finished sixth with Sonofamistery. Melander's top finisher in the 2020 final was Hollywood Story, who was fifth. In 2019, Greenshoe finished second, Gimpanzee was third, and Green Manalishi S was fifth. Greenshoe and Green Manalishi S were elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017. He saw Enterprise win his elimination and finish fourth-placed-third in the final. In 2018, Melander-trained Evaluate finished fifth in the final.

- Melander, 32, had his best Hambletonian Oaks finishes in 2020 with Hypnotic AM, and in 2021 with Iteration, both of whom were second.
- Marcus Melander 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 is closing in on 500 training wins and has earned over \$24 million. Last year, he ranked fifth among trainers in North America with \$4.96 million in earnings. His top victory in 2022 came with Oh Well in the Mohawk Million at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He also won the MGM Yonkers Trot with Joviality S.
- His uncle, Stefan, won the 2001 Hambletonian as trainer and driver of Scarlet Knight.
- A native of Sweden, Melander came to the U.S. and worked for four-time Hambletonian-winning trainer Takter before starting his own stable in late 2014. He is based in New Egypt, N.J., at a farm that was home previously to each the legendary Stanley Dancer, a five-time Hambletonian winner, and Continental Farms stables.
- Sire Muscle Hill has sired three Hambletonian winners Ramona Hill (2020), Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixton (2014). He is co-stakes record holder with offspring Ramona Hill – both winning the Hambletonian in 1:50.1.
- Owners SRF Stable won their first Hambletonian in 2017 with placed first Perfect Spirit. They were also co-owners on 2021 champion Captain Corey. Stable member Jan Johnson won the Hambletonian in 1988 as the trainer of Ambro Goal.
- “You can’t think like that,” said Melander when asked if horses with a price tag that high gets special treatment. “When they start out, they are just another horse, but he was very talented from the beginning.”