## **Ready For Moni**



Bay colt, 3 by Ready Cash – Nothing But Moni by Credit Winner

OWNER:	John Fielding, Lindy Farms of Conn., Herb Liverman, Bud Hatfield					
BREEDER:	Moni Maker Stable [Frank Antonacci, David Reid, KR Breeding LLC], CT					
SALE INFO:	Lexington Selected Sale \$220,000					
TRAINER:	Nancy Takter					
DRIVER:	Yannick Gingras					

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>s⊤</sup>	<b>2</b> <sup>ND</sup>	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2020	2	2	0	0	\$92,570	1:51.3 M
2019	8	4	1	0	\$281,450	Q1:54 M
LIFETIME	10	6	1	0	\$374,020	3, 1:51.3 M

- Won his elimination in 1:51.3, a new lifetime mark. Drew post 1 in the final at odds of 3-1.
- "The way the schedule has been this year, it's been a little difficult to find races," Takter said. "We didn't want to have him over-raced going into the Hambletonian, so he had a couple nice qualifiers to kind of let him get into his own and hopefully he'll take this race in the right way and be even sharper for next week."
- "There are a lot of small parts to the puzzle that need to be put together in the right spot for everything to go perfectly



on Hambletonian Day," Takter added. "But with the win here we get post-position relief, so that will be a big help. But there are a lot of things that need to go right."

 "Lindy Farms trained him all winter and did a great job," said Takter after his elimination win. "We've just done the fine-tuning."

- His only other start of his three year old year came in the Stanley Dancer on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Meadowlands. He won in 1:51.4 over fellow Hambletonian contender Hollywood Story.
- "I couldn't have scripted it any better," winning driver Yannick Gingras said after his Dancer win. "It's his first start of the year and I wanted to somewhat take it easy on him. It couldn't have worked out any better. He's great. I think he's ready for it. He's going to get next week off, I'm pretty sure, and he's ready for the [Hambletonian]."
- Ready For Moni was transferred to the Nancy Takter barn for his three year old campaign.
- Finished his two year old campaign with a second place finish in the Valley Victory final at the Meadowlands behind EL Ideal.
- Started his freshman year off four-for-five including three wins in the Kentucky Sire Stakes. He won the KYSS final in 1:54.1 at the Red Mile.
- Yannick Gingras, who turned 41 on Aug. 4, holds the record for most driving wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with five, all coming consecutively. He has twice finished second in the Hambletonian, with Mission Brief in 2015 and by a nose with Southwind Frank in 2016.
- Last year in the Hambletonian, Gingras finished second in eliminations with Don't Let'em and Osterc. In the final he drove Don't Let'em, who went off stride.
- Gingras' five Oaks wins came in consecutive years with horse trained by Jimmy Takter. His winners were Lifetime Pursuit (2014), Wild Honey (2015), All The Time (2016), Ariana G (2017) and Manchego (2018).
- 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 led the Big M in wins four times in his career, most recently in 2015.
- Gingras has finished no worse than second in North American purses for eight years in a row and led the sport four consecutive seasons, 2014-17. His \$184 million in career purses rank No. 7 in history.
- He was voted Driver of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2014 and 2017.
- Gingras was the regular driver of 2017 Horse of the Year Award winner Hannelore Hanover.

- Among his many 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.
- Nancy Takter, 39, started Don't Let'em in the 2019 Hambletonian. The colt finished second in his elimination and went off stride in the final.
- She made her Hambletonian final debut in 2014 with Resolve, finishing fifth. She has started two other horses in elims, one each in 2015 and 2016, but did not reach the final.
- On July 18, Takter-trained Tall Dark Stranger won the Meadowlands Pace. Tall Dark Stranger was the Dan Patch Award winner for best 2-year-old male pacer in 2019. No trainer has ever won the Meadowlands Pace and Hambletonian in the same year.
- Takter was one when she moved with her family from Sweden to the U.S. Her father is Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, a four-time winner of the Hambletonian and record eight-time winner of the Hambletonian Oaks. Nancy was the caretaker of Muscle Massive, who won the 2010 Hambletonian for her father.
- In 2013, Takter started her own training stable. In 2014, she guided two-year-old female pacer JK She'salady to Horse of the Year honors. JK She'salady is the only two-year-old filly pacer to be named Horse of the Year.
- Takter received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association in 2014.
- Last year, Takter set career highs with 72 wins and \$4.59 million in purses. Her earnings ranked seventh among all trainers in North America.
- His French-bred sire Ready Cash won the Prix d'Amerique two times and retired as the richest trotter of all time. His offspring have earned more than \$12 million. He also sired Hambo contender Back of the Neck.