

## CAVIART WONDER (Muscle Massive – Won An Done – Conway Hall)



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Finishing fifth in her Hambletonian Oaks elimination (to **Magic Presto**), Caviart Wonder enters the Oaks with five wins in 17 tries, earning \$105,334. As a two-year-old, her lone wins came from a non-winners of one event and a \$39,933 Keystone Classic division. She was fourth in the \$190,200 Kindergarten Classic final (to **Overdraft Volo**).

“She was pretty good,” driver Andrew McCarthy said after the elimination. “I had a little trouble the first three-eighths of the mile; I just had to wait for her to get set up. She trotted home with a pretty good back half. I think she’s definitely eligible to get some money in there anyway.”

At three, she has won three races in eight starts, including a \$24,000 division of the Currier & Ives and a division of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. After finishing third in a Pennsylvania Sires Stakes division on June 18, she was laid off until July 11 when she broke and finished eighth in another Sires Stakes division. She entered the Oaks eliminations off a ninth-place finish against older horses at Harrah’s Philadelphia.

“It’s kind of been up and down [this year],” McCarthy said. “She was trotting good there early in the year and then she threw in a couple of clunkers. She’s had little issues and hopefully we’ve got it all sorted out now.”

“I think she’s back on track. We’re probably going to take the inside head pole off—she was on the left line a little bit and I had a little trouble with that. I think if we can get her going a little straighter she’s handy enough to be in the mix.”

Trainer Noel Daley has not sent a horse to the Hambletonian Oaks since he raced Cedar Dove in 2011. He will be going for his first win in the Hambletonian Oaks.

Driver Andrew McCarthy makes his Hambletonian Oaks final debut, but had driven two horses in the eliminations for the 2016 Oaks (Dancing In The Hall for Ake Svanstedt and Synonymous Hanover for Chris Oakes). Both failed to make the final. McCarthy also goes for his first win in the Oaks.