



# DEVIOUS MAN

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**OWNER:** Stroy Inc, Millstone Township, NJ; Andy Miller Stable Inc., Millstone Township, NJ  
**BREEDER:** Winbak Farm, Chesapeake City, MD  
**SALE INFO:** Standardbred Horse Sale Yearling \$62,000  
**TRAINER:** Julie Miller  
**DRIVER:** Andy Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	6	4	2	0	\$441,967	1:52.2 S
2016	12	7	1	1	\$308,233	1:53.2 M
LIFETIME	18	11	3	1	\$750,200	3,1:52.2 S

- Last start was in the \$159,000 Stanley Dancer Memorial for 3-year-olds at the Meadowlands on July 25 where he finished a strong second to defending divisional champion Walner. He entered that race after a triumph at odds of 15-1 in the \$500,000 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial overs favorite Long Tom and Ariana G on July 1 in 1:52.4.
- Won a New York Sire Stakes division Sire Stakes division and the \$252,000 Empire Breeders Classic final at Vernon Downs on June 18.
- Other than the loss to Walner, he has only been defeated a head by Perfect Spirit in his Earl Beal Jr. Memorial elimination with Dover Dan and Southwind Woody following him home.
- “He lets me drive him however I want,” Andy Miller said. “I can leave, I can come from behind; he just has great manners. He is just a classy horse.”
- Devious Man was fifth after breaking stride behind the gate in the \$295,450 Peter Haughton Memorial, but closed with considerable speed once he returned to trotting. He was on a six-race winning streak prior to finishing eighth in his Breeders Crown elimination after displacing his palate. He ended his 2-year-old season by being scratched from the \$147,500 Matron Stake after ripping off one of his front shoes and driving a nail into his hoof wall on the ship to Dover Downs.

- Sire Credit Winner, is the son of a Hambletonian victor American Winner and is the top trotting sire in the world with progeny earnings of more than \$90 million. Devious Man, however, would be his first Hambletonian winner. This colt is a half-brother to 2005 Hambletonian winner Vivid Photo to Goodlookngirl \$154,800, Celebrity Shark \$139,528 and broken record \$135,988.
- The Millers finished third in last year's edition of the Hambletonian behind Triple Crown winner Marion Marauder and 2014 Dan Patch champion Southwind Frank with Sutton. Julie Miller also trained sixth place finisher Milligan's School. "I needed a couple more steps, I think," Miller said. "But I was thrilled to be third and I would have been very thrilled to win it. Hopefully this is our year."
- This would be Julie Miller's ninth Hambletonian starter, with her first entry in the race Sam Spade (2008) breaking in the final.
- It would be Andy Miller's first Hambletonian victory, as well. He is confident in his horse's ability, but is not ecstatic the colt will have to leave from post position nine in a 10-horse field. He is the 5-2 morning line favorite despite where he begins trotting from. "I think the horse is really sharp and really good," Miller said. "I'm not thrilled about the draw, but hopefully we can advance from there and get to the final. Hopefully we can win [the elimination] and secure an inside spot for the final. If not, then hopefully we draw good in the final."
- 2016 Hambo starter Milligan's School was co-owned by Stroy Inc. whose Natalia Stroy operates a fair-sized stable from her Moscow base. According to Julie Miller, Stroy wanted to gain access to the American market, so Dr. Paul F. Spears, vice president of Hanover Shoe Farms, introduced her to the Millers. They helped her pick out the son of Yankee Glide-Tori Ann at Harrisburg and Natalia has since been an avid client for the Millers.
- "She wanted to race horses here," Julie Miller indicated, "and as Paul Spears said, one of the best places to race in the U.S. is the Pennsylvania circuit. So I'm glad it worked out."