

Bonefish: Pressure Squarely on Dancer

The 1975 renewal of the Hambletonian had several things going for it. There was a nationwide television audience, the first parimutuel betting in DuQuoin, and it was the 50th renewal of harness racing's greatest race.

It also became one of the most thrilling events in the history of the Hambletonian. The undisputed favorite was Bonefish, the handsome son of Nevele Pride—Exciting Speed, owned by the A. M. Cuddy Stable of Canada and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dancer. The Dancers and the Cuddys had sold Bonefish to Castleton Farm of Lexington, Ky., prior to the race and a \$1 million tag rode on Bonefish's nose throughout the day. The pressure was clearly on Dancer from the word "go."

The crowd was buzzing aplenty when Bonefish, in the words of trainer Dancer, "just went bad a heat" to be ninth in the first heat, which was trotted in 1:59 by outsider Yankee Bambino and young Walter Ross.

The second heat was won by Noble Rogue and Jimmy Arthur,

trotting in 1:59² over Yankee Bambino and Bonefish, who made a late, but impressive rally. The day was growing old, but the field had set it up for Bonefish to win if he could go the distance.

Carefully prepped by Dancer, Bonefish was ready to assume his favorite role by the time the third heat rolled around and his cruising 2:00³ win in the third heat foretold his eventual victory, but not without the struggle of his life.

Bonefish, Yankee Bambino, and Noble Rogue all reappeared for the fourth and decisive heat, only the sixth time in history the race had gone that distance.

Three tough, tired and game trotters answered the call for the final. And in a stretch battle that might have come out of a Hollywood script, Bonefish prevailed by a scant nose. Yankee Bambino showed he was dead game and gave it a marvelous try. It was victory number three for Dancer in trotting's number one event and another vindication of his supreme training and driving skill.



- First \$200,000 purse in the Hambletonian.
- First live television coverage on CBS Sports Spectacular moved the race from a traditional Wednesday race day at Goshen and DuQuoin to Saturday.

- After a debilitating fourth heat race-off, neither the winner, Bonefish, nor Yankee Bambino (who was second beaten by a nose) would ever race again.
- Bonefish was the only winner of a fourth heat not to win the first or second heat.
- Bonefish was the 30th winner sired by a Kentucky stallion; Pennsylvania also has a record 30 through 1995 (Tagliabue).
- Bonefish was voted 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.

BONEFISH, b c, Nevele Pride—Exciting Speed, by Speedster
 Driver: Stanley Dancer
 Owner: S. & R. Dancer and A. M. Cuddy Stable
 Breeder: Stoner Creek Stud, KY
 Groom: Chet Dentler
 Sale History: \$27,000 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Sale. . . 9 2 1 1

YANKEE BAMBINO, Hickory Pride—Yankee Dutchess, by Duke of Lullwater
 Driver: Walter Ross
 Owner: Philip and Mary Roux . . . 1 4 3 2

NOBLE ROGUE, Noble Victory—Bertha Sampson, by Sampson Hanover
 Driver: Jimmy Arthur
 Owner: K. D. Owen . . . 3 1 9 3

SONGFLORI, Florican—Ami Song, by Victory Song
 Driver: Delvin Miller
 Owner: Messinger Stable, D. Miller and J. Simpson, Sr. . . . 5 5 2 ro

SUREFIRE HANOVER, Hickory Smoke—Spritely Way, by Star's Pride
 Driver: Ron Dancer
 Owner: Mrs. Stanley Dancer and Rose Hild Breeding Farm. . . 2 9 7 ro

Also competed: Meadow Bright 11-3-5, Fashion Blaze 12-11-14, Noble Tryst 6-8-6, Spearmint 8-6-8, Glasgow 4-7-dr, Exclusive Way 7-10-dr, Ways to Win 10-12-dr, Jubilee Triton 13-13-dr.

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DuQuoin State Fair • August 30, 1974 • Purse \$160,510

Christopher T.: Now Houghton Can Smile

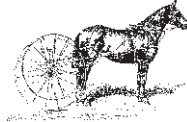
Bill Houghton had a lot of frustrating days at DuQuoin. Many times, he had come to this classic harness race with a horse he thought could win. It is an irony that the Hambletonian victory that finally came his way was one he didn't think he had a shot to win.

He was second with Galophone in 1955, third with Circo in 1959, third with Speedy Count in 1964, fourth with Carlisle in 1966, second with Keystone Pride in 1967, third with A. C.'s Orion in 1971, and fourth with Spartan Hanover in 1972.

In 1974, a colt he did not want to start named Christopher T. surprised Houghton, his owner John Thro, and nearly everyone else with

two relatively simple wins over a modest field of colt trotters in the rain delayed Hambletonian.

The purse had grown to a record \$160,510 and Christopher T. blew past the leaders in late stretch in the first heat to score 1:59⁴ win over Golden Sovereign and Sing Away Herbert. Nevele Diamond captured the second elimination, trotting in 2:00² for Stanley Dancer. The final, though, belonged to Christopher T., the full brother to 1970 winner, Timothy T., in command in the 1:58³ mile. The race was delayed for two days due to heavy storms in the area and was raced over a track less than fast.



- For the first time, the elimination system was implemented in the Hambletonian; only the first five finishers came back from each elimination division of eleven starters for a second heat.
- Christopher T. and Timothy T. (1970) were the fourth pair of siblings to win the Hambletonian. They were full brothers by 1964 Hambletonian winner Ayres and out of the Victory Song mare Flicka Frost. Their three-quarter sister Cora T. won the Hambletonian Oaks in 1978. She was by Ayres' sire Star's Pride. Flicka Frost was owned by the partnership of Don Millar (Bonnie Keek Farm) and John Thro, although Bonnie Keek was listed as the breeder of record on Christopher T. as well as Timothy T. Millar recalled that initially the partners would flip a coin and alternate each year on the ownership of each foal.
- Bill Houghton won his first Hambletonian 25 years after making his first start (with Crossbow who did not finish in 1949). He went on to win three of the next six (1976, 1977 and 1980), and trained the winner in 1982. Christopher T., Houghton's 16th starter in the Hambletonian was entered at owner Thro's insistence despite Houghton's pessimism regarding his chances.
- The event was postponed two days by rain, and the highly regarded Golden Sovereign may have hurt himself in the stall during the delay, finishing second in his elim and fourth in the final. The other co-favorite, Nevele Diamond, won his elim but suffered from bad feet and could not overcome the rain-hardened racetrack.

CHRISTOPHER T., b c, by Ayres—Flicka Frost, by Victory Song
 Driver: William Houghton Trainer: William Houghton
 Owner: John L. Thro, Mankato, MN
 Breeder: Bonnie Kreek
 Groom: Pat Troll
 Sale History: Private transfer between partners who annually alternated ownership of foals from Flicka Frost . . . x 1 1

NEVELE DIAMOND, Nevele Pride—Kimberly Rodney, by Rodney
 Driver: Stan Dancer Trainer: Stanley Dancer
 Owner: Nevele Holidays Stable, Inc. . . . 1 x 7

GOLDEN SOVEREIGN, Floris—Volada, by Trader Horn
 Driver: Dick Richardson, Jr
 Owner: Philip B. Drake and Kathryn L. Richardson. . . . x 2 4

Also competed: Anvil x-4-3, Sing Away Herbert x-3-5, Armbr Ouzo 3-x-10, Journalist 4-x-9, Noble Florie 5-x-6, Spitfire Hanover x-6-ro, Missle Speed 6-x-ro, Express Pride x-6-ro, Buckeye Count 7-x-ro, Safety Zone x-8-ro, Lincoln's Noble 8-x-ro, My Super Pride x-9-ro, Armbr Oxford 9-x-ro, Fantastic Speed x-10-ro, Le Mans Chip 10-x-ro, Waymaker x-11-ro, Aragon Hanover 11-x-ro.

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STOCK SPLIT, Dartmouth—First Dividend, by Scott Frost
 Driver: Mike Zeller
 Owner: Ann W. Beissinger and Faye E. Gillen . . . x 5 2

KEYSTONE GABRIEL, Hickory Pride—Goddess Gallon, by Bill Gallon
 Driver: Bill Houghton/Del Miller
 Owner: Bill Houghton, Max Hempt, P. A. Soldner, Dale Miller . . . 2 x 8



1973

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Flirth: Almost Overlooked

Few geldings have ever won the Hambletonian, the first being the immortal "Grey Ghost" Greyhound, who accomplished that feat in 1935. Another came in 1973 in the form of the Florican gelding Flirth. Owned and bred by the Arden Homestead Stable and trained by Ralph Baldwin, Flirth was a rank outsider to most observers on this Hambletonian Day, with most of the interest centered on John Simpson, Jr.'s Knightly Way or Gene Riegle's Arnie Almahurst. Then there were the talented Florican fillies, Florinda and Honeysuckle Rose. Nearly everybody overlooked Flirth.

Baldwin had brought Flirth and stablemate Fetisil to DuQuoin

nearly a week ahead of schedule and put some blistering workouts over the DuQuoin track, operating in near obscurity except for some local observers.

Flirth was lying in ambush on Hambletonian Day. He took over the lead in the first heat shortly after the quarter and never looked back, trotting home in 1:58² over Florinda and South Bend. In the second, he lowered the all age world mark for geldings to 1:57¹ with the same don't-look-back style. Noble Jade rallied for second in the final heat and South Bend was again third, but there was no menacing the winner.



- Second of only four geldings to win the Hambletonian; the great Greyhound (1935) being the first.
- Flirth set four world records, including the fastest race mile (1:57.1) ever by a gelding. The previous mark (1:57 1/4) of almost forty years was held by Greyhound, which he set as a 4-year-old in 1936.
- Flirth was voted Trotter of the Year.
- Arden Homestead is the ownership credited with the most starters in the Hambletonian. Through 1998, they have raced 32 horses since their first entry of Cinema and First Choice in 1926.
- The 13th and last Axworthy line trotter to win; Axworthy was the dominant sire line in the first decade of the Hambletonian.

FLIRTH, b g, Florican—Mirthful, by Rodney
Driver & Trainer: Ralph Baldwin
Owner: Arden Homestead Stable, Goshen, NY
Groom: Jim Underwood . . . 1 1

FLORINDA, Florican—Scottish Victory, by Victory Song
Driver: Joe O'Brien
Owner: R. D. Fossati, Scuderia Reda Stable . . . 2 5

NOBLE JADE, Noble Victory—Barb Hanover, by Hickory Smoke
Driver: Del Insko
Owner: Harry L. and Alice Stillman . . . 5 2

SOUTH BEND, Star's Pride—Mom, by Florican
Driver: Howard Beissinger
Owner: Joseph T. Mendelson . . . 3 3

FAIRMOUNT HANOVER, Star's Pride—Fairest Hanover, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Del Miller
Owner: K. D. Owen, Clarence F. Gaines, A. C. Mudge, Osage Stable . . . 6 4

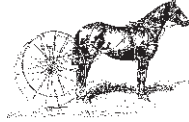
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Super Bowl: A Super Fast Colt

Although it took Stanley Dancer quite a few tries to win his first Hambletonian, Dancer trained and drove Super Bowl to two perfect victories in 1:57², and 1:56², the latter a new world standard for three-year-old trotters in 1972.

Super Bowl was the eighth winner for his sire, Star's Pride, in 12 years, adding to the luster of his great sire's accomplishments in this most famous trotting race. Super Bowl's chief rival was the gifted Delmonica Hanover, a filly handled by the veteran Delvin Miller.



Delmonica was second in both heats and trotted miles that would have been world filly marks in chasing Super Bowl. But she never really bothered the winner in each heat. Super Bowl and Dancer were simply the best. The Bill Haughton stable entry of Flush and Spartan Hanover traded a pair of thirds with The Black Streak fourth in each heat.

It was a predictable end to this Hambletonian, and a "super" victory for Super Bowl, who won all three legs of the Triple Crown in 1972.

- Super Bowl was the sixth horse to win the Triple Crown of Trotting and the last to do it before Windsong's Legacy in 2004.
- His second and final heat was in a world record 1:56.4; the first 3-year-old mile under 1:57.
- Star's Pride sired his record eighth Hambletonian winner. His stallion record was something of a redemption. Star's Pride, the pre-race favorite in the 1952 Hambletonian, finished 2nd (2-2) to Lusty Song. One of the commentaries that year noted he was following in family tradition: his sire Worthy Boy was 2nd (1-2-2) in 1943 to Volo Song; Worthy Boy's sire Volomite was 2nd (2-2) in 1929 to Walter Dear; and Worthy Boy's dam Warwell Worthy was 2nd (7-2) in 1935 to Greyhound.
- Super Bowl is the Hambletonian winner that has subsequently sired the most winners (6).
- Super Bowl's caretaker, John Barker, was married the night before the Hambletonian on the stage next to the race track in front of the grandstand. His bride Peggy was a caretaker for the Bill Haughton Stable. Stanley Dancer stood up for Barker, while Bill Haughton "gave away" the bride.

- Super Bowl was voted Trotter of the Year.
- The filly Delmonica Hanover was second in both heats, timed in 1:57 flat in the second dash, three-fifths of a second faster than the existing world record race mile for a filly or mare (Fresh Yankee, 1:57.3). She is the dam of 1989 co-winner Park Avenue Joe.
- Probably the longest shot ever in the Hambletonian was Axystar, who "prepped" for his stakes debut in three overnight races at the Michigan fairs. He had a grand total of \$77 to his credit when his owner Dr. Anderson Arbury, a retired orthodontist from that state, drove him. True to form, Axystar was well back at the start of the two heats, and maintained that position, finishing last in both heats (7-7). However, Dr. Arbury got to tell his grandchildren that he drove in the Hambletonian.

SUPER BOWL, b c, by Star's Pride—Pillow Talk, by Rodney
 Driver: Stanley Dancer Trainer: Stanley Dancer
 Owner: Rachel Dancer and Rose Hild Breeding Farm
 Breeder: Stoner Creek Stud, KY
 Groom: John Barker
 Sale History: \$20,000 yearling purchase at Tattersalls Sale... 1 1

SPARTAN HANOVER, Star's Pride—Sprite Rodney, by Rodney
 Driver: Bill Haughton
 Owner: Farmstead Acres... 3 4

DELMONICA HANOVER, Speedy Count—Delicious, by Kimberly Kid
 Driver: Del Miller
 Owner: Delvin Miller and Arnold Palmer... 2 3

THE BLACK STREAK, Clayburne—Carnation Hanover, Hoot Mon
 Driver: Howard Beissinger
 Owner: G. S. Claypool... 4 4

FLUSH, Hickory Pride—Nimble Colby, by Colby Hanover
 Driver: Glen Garnsey
 Owner: Hardwood Stable... 5 3

Also competed: Star's Chip 8-6, Axystar 7-7.

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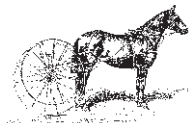
1971

DuQuoin State Fair • September 1, 1971 • Purse \$129,770 Speedy Crown: "Speedy" Crowned the Champ

There are several accepted routes to Hambletonian fame. One is to make all the stops and meet all opposition and reach peak form at DuQuoin. Another is to pick your spots along the way, bring your colt to a peak of performance and hope everything happens the right way.

It certainly did for Howard Beissinger and Speedy Crown in 1971. Speedy Crown was considered a rank outsider when the 1971 season began, but during the course of the season, Beissinger brought his charge along carefully, showing that he could trot with the best of them early and often. Not eligible to the Review Futurity at Springfield's

Grand Circuit stop, he instead elected to go a time trial with Speedy Crown, and the colt responded with a 1:57² "workout" which was faster than the 1:58² mile recorded by Quick Pride and Hoot Speed in the Review. After that, with the rest of the field shipping to Indianapolis for the Horseman Stake, Beissinger elected to ship right to DuQuoin and work his charge out for two weeks over the Hambletonian track. He put several stiff works in him and he was razor sharp for the race, trotting two near perfect 1:57² and 1:58¹ miles, easily whipping Savoir and A. C.'s Orion. Speedy Crown went on to complete the 1971 Triple Crown.



- As Beissinger pulled him off the rail up the backstretch in the second and final heat, Speedy Crown stepped on Hoot Speed's sulky wheel. According to Beissinger, "he never missed a beat," exhibiting the trotting talent he would pass on to his sons and daughters in an extraordinary stallion career that ended in 1996 with his retirement at age 28.
- Trainer/driver Howard Beissinger's wife Ann was the breeder of Speedy Crown.
- Speedy Crown was voted Trotter of the Year.
- Top Hanover, by 1963 winner Ayres out of the exported free-faller Elaine Rodney, was the first "European horse" to start in the Hambletonian. Through sired at Hanover, Elaine Rodney was owned in Italy at the time. Top Hanover was trained in Europe and driven by leading German reinsman Gerhard Krueger. Elaine Rodney finished second to Blaze Hanover in the first heat of the 1960 Hambletonian.
- Gay Blossom won the first Hambletonian Filly Stake (renamed the Oaks in 1982).

SPEEDY CROWN, b c, Speedy Scot—Missile Toe, by Florican
Driver: Howard Beissinger Trainer: Howard Beissinger
Owner: Crown Stable, Inc (Frank & Thomas Antonacci), Plainview, NY
Breeder: Ann Beissinger, Ohio
Groom: Pete Wilkins
Sale History: Originally named Headin And Heelin, sold privately as a yearling . . . 1 1

HOOT SPEED, Speedy Scot—Hoot Nimble, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Glen Garnsey
Owner: Castleton Farm . . . 8 3

QUICK PRIDE, Hickory Pride—Lucile Spencer, by Averill
Driver: Stanley Dancer
Owner: Florida Stable. . . 4 6

SAVOIR, Star's Pride —Spicy Song, by Victory Song
Driver: Jimmy Arthur
Owner: Allwood Stable . . . 2 3

A. C.'S ORION, Star's Pride—A. C.'s Nancy, by Hoot Mon
Driver: William Haughton
Owner: A. C. Peterson Stables . . . 3 4

Also competed: Keystone Hilliard 5-5, Top Hanover 6-8, Lightning Larry 7-7, Anchor Boy 9-9.

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Timothy T: Father-Son Combos Prove Too Tough

The year could have been devoted to the two father-son teams which combined for a Hambletonian in world record time. First Ayres, winner of the 1964 Hambletonian was the sire of one of the favorites, a colt trained by John Simpson, Sr., named Timothy T. The colt was scheduled to be driven by Simpson's son, John, Jr., and there was little doubt he would win this classic race after his first heat win in 2:00¹ over Flower Child and Victory Star.

But, in the second heat, young Simpson moved too early with his charge and Formal Notice, trained and carefully driven by Jimmy Arthur, got home on top in 1:58², fastest trotting mile of 1970. Both young Simpson and Timothy T. got their act together again in the final heat, drawing clear from Formal Notice in 2:00³ to gain the Hambletonian silver.

At 27, John Simpson, Jr. became the youngest driver at the time to win the Hambletonian. Flower Child, who wound up third over all in the summary, became a top notch free-for-all trotter as a four and five-year-old and trotted the fastest mile ever in Europe at 1:58⁴ in Sweden as a five-year-old.

The training of Timothy T. was a swan song for John Simpson, Sr., one of the finest and most accomplished colt trainers ever. Simpson hung up his training goggles shortly after that and assumed command of the vast Hanover Shoe Farms breeding operation, the largest standardbred nursery in the world. Timothy T. went on to a successful career in Europe, being a champion on two continents.



- The Simpsons were the first father and son trainer and driver pair to win the classic. Despite the impediment of diminishing vision, which originated from a driving accident, Simpson Sr. brought the difficult colt to the peak of his ability perfectly.
- The youngest driver (27) to win the Hambletonian to that point, it was John Jr.'s first drive in the Hambletonian – a race his father won twice (1957 and 1964).
- Timothy T. was voted the 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.
- Exported to Italy, by 1975 Timothy T. had won his second straight Eitlopp, making him arguably the best trotter in the world.

TIMOTHY T., b c, by Ayres—Flicka Frost, by Victory Song
 Driver: John Simpson, Jr. Trainer: John Simpson, Sr.
 Owner: John Simpson, Sr., Hanover, PA
 Breeder: Bonnie Keek Farm (Don Miller & John Thro)
 Groom: Charlie Coleman
 Sale History: Miller won sole ownership of Timothy T. on the flip of a coin from his partner, and later sold the colt privately at two. . . 1 2 1

FORMAL NOTICE, Kimberly Kid—Lou Sidney, by Darnley
 Driver: Jimmy Arthur
 Owner: Allwood Stable . . . 5 1 2

FLOWER CHILD, Floris—Maura, by Demon Hanover
 Driver: Bud Parshall
 Owner: Sam Huttenbauer . . . 2 5 8

SPEEDY SPIN, Speedy Scot—Spinster Hanover, by Bill Gallon
 Driver: Frank Ervin
 Owner: Mary and Morris Gastwirth and Frederick VanLennep . . . 4 3 3

VICTORY STAR, Matastar—Victory Eve, by Victory Song
 Driver: Vernon Dancer
 Owner: Fury Stable . . . 3 7 6

Also competed: Fairbanks Hanover 15-6-4, Luther Hanover 11-4-7, Gallant Prince 7-14-5, Nevele Rascal 6-10-dr, Paris Air 8-9-dr, Quick Trick 12-8-dr, The Consort 14-12-9, Clayt Hanover 9-3-dr, Arden Al 10-11-dr, Flynn Hanover 13-15-dr.

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DuQuoin State Fair • August 27, 1969 • Purse \$124,910 Lindy's Pride: Howard Beissinger with "Pride"

For the seventh time in eleven years, the Hambletonian winner was sired by Star's Pride, this time, named Lindy's Pride. It was a debut win in harness racing's greatest race for trainer-driver Howard Beissinger.

Lindy's Pride was bred by Hanover Shoe Farms and was owned by Lindy Farm, Inc. He recorded miles of 1:57³ and 1:58² in annexing

the 1969 Hambletonian. The Prophet was favored, sent off at odds of 2-3 for Harold Dancer, Sr., while Smoky Morn trotted a big second heat to be second for Ned Bower.

This field also included the brilliant but erratic Dayan, third in the opening mile and second in the final, but placed fourth for interference.



- Lindy's Pride became the fifth horse to win the Triple Crown of Trotting.
- It was also the second year in a row that a sophomore trotter captured the "Big Five." (Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot, Kentucky Futurity, Colonial and Dexter Cup). Nevele Pride and Lindy's Pride are the only two to accomplish the feat.
- Trainer/driver Howard Beissinger won in his first attempt at the Hambletonian.
- Lindy's Pride's caretaker Osvaldo Formia would later win another Hambletonian as the groom on Speedy Somolli (1978) and two more as the trainer for both Probe (1989) and Harmonious (1990).
- Lindy's Pride was voted the 3-year-old Trotting Colt of the Year.

LINDY'S PRIDE, b c, Star's Pride-Galena Hanover, by Spenser Scott
Driver: Howard Beissinger Trainer: Howard Beissinger
Owner: Lindy Farms, Inc., Lindenhurst, NY
Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms
Groom: Osvaldo Formia
Sale History: \$15,000 yearling at Standardbred Horse Sale.
Sold as Galahad Hanover... 1 1

DAYAN, Hickory Smoke—East Star, by Star's Pride
Driver: Fred Bradbury
Owner: Adonis Stable . . . 3 4

ARMBRO JET, Star's Pride—Helicopter, by Hoot Mon
Driver: Joe O'Brien
Owner: Armstrong Brothers. . . 4 5

THE PROPHET, Spectator—Embassy Sue, by Guy Ambassador
Driver: Harold Dancer, Sr.
Owner: William Weaver, H. J. Dancer . . . 2 3

SMOKEY MORN, Hickory Smoke—Frosty Morn, by Scott Frost
Driver: Ned Bower
Owner: R. A. Oliphant . . . 8 2

Also competed: Viewpoint 5-6, Delbert Hanover 6-8, Bonfire Hanover 9-7, Gun Runner 7-dr.

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Nevele Pride: It Was Really No Contest

It was a foregone conclusion that Nevele Pride would win the 1968 Hambletonian. There was little suspense to it, the exact figures as to how fast he would trot and how much he would win by were the subjects of discussion.

It turned into that kind of rout, but it was an important victory for Stanley Dancer, the ultrasuccessful trainer and driver of trotting's wonder horse. Dancer had been bitterly disappointed in 1965 when he trained the favorite for that race, the brilliant Noble Victory. But Noble Victory had an off day over an off track and Dancer was set upon getting his first Hambletonian silver with Nevele Pride. It was pure and simple vindication for Dancer. It was not that Nevele Pride set

the trotting world on its ear. He merely mowed down the field with perfunctory ease and so dominated the race that at no point in either heat did another horse get in front of him. Dancer set him rolling in high gear for the lead in the first heat and never looked back. He also never asked Pride to really trot in the 1:59³ and 1:59² miles, which were nearly a full second slower than he had trotted a year earlier over the same DuQuoin track as a two-year-old. Nevele Pride would go on to win the trotting Triple Crown.

Pride's arch-rival Snow Speed was off form on this day and finished 9-7 for Ralph Baldwin. Keystone Spartan, Dart Hanover, Larengo Hanover and Master Yankee trailed the winner in identical order in both trips.



- Nevele Pride became the fourth horse to win the Triple Crown of Trotting. In addition he captured two other stakes, the Colonial and the Dexter Cup, which constituted the "Big Five" trotting races at the time.
- His margin of victory of five and a half lengths in the final heat possibly equaled the Hambletonian record of Peter Astra in 1939, which was before the days of charting and the photo finish.
- Stanley Dancer drove his first Hambletonian winner, 15 years after driving in his first Hambletonian (Newport Champ in 1953).

- Keystone Spartan and Dart Hanover, who finished second and third respectively in both heats, were both exported and became stars in Europe.
- Voted Horse of the Year in 1968, Nevele Pride was also honored the previous year at two, and repeated again as a 4-year-old. He is the only trotter ever to be voted Horse of the Year in three straight years.

NEVELE PRIDE, b c, by Star's Pride—Thankful, by Hoot Mon
 Driver: Stanley Dancer Trainer: Stanley Dancer
 Owner: Nevele Acres, Ellenville, NY and Louis Resnick, Monticello, NY
 Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Edward C. Quin, PA
 Groom: Andy Murphy
 Sale History: \$20,000 private purchase as a yearling.
 Half interest sold to Resnick for \$1 million at three. . . . 1 1

LARENKO HANOVER, by Hoot Mon—Lark Hanover, by Dean Hanover
 Driver: William Haughton
 Owner: Smith and Miller . . . 4 3

KEYSTONE SPARTAN, by Hickory Pride—Stenographer, by Bill Gallon
 Driver: Del Miller Trainer: Del Miller
 Owner: Regalo Fossati . . . 2 2

MASTER YANKEE, by Hickory Pride—Gay Yankee, by Titan Hanover
 Driver: Jim Larente
 Owner: Giuffrida Stable . . . 5 5

DART HANOVER, by Hoot Mon—Delicia Hanover, by Dean Hanover
 Driver: Sanders Russell Trainer: Sanders Russell
 Owner: Sanders Russell and Mrs. Charlotte Sheppard . . . 3 3

Also competed: Coleman 6-6, Keystone Starlet 7-8, Snow Speed 9-7, Carolyn Sue 8-9.

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Speedy Streak: Cameron Wins Third Hambletonian

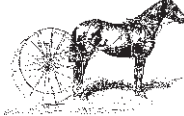
Del Cameron joined select company in 1967 as he won his third Hambletonian stake with the sore-footed Speedy Streak.

Speedy Streak was the most expensive yearling at the time (he cost \$113,000) to grace the Hambletonian winner's enclosure and he was a full brother to 1963 winner, Speedy Scot.

Speedy Streak was trained by Frank Ervin, who also trained 1966 winner Kerry Way. But because of illness, Ervin was unable to drive Speedy Streak and asked Cameron, one of the craftiest drivers of the time, to handle Speedy Streak. Speedy Streak had soundness

problems in that he was bothered by sore hooves, which robbed him of speed. Furthermore, it complicated the intense training needed to prepare for the Hambletonian. It is one of the crowning achievements of Frank Ervin's career that he was able to direct the training of the Speedster colt to overcome the soundness problems and yet reach a competitive peak at just the right time.

Keystone Probe was second and third in the two heats, while Speedy Streak's stablemate, Speed Model, was second in the final heat.



- A full brother to the 1963 winner Speedy Scot, Speedy Streak was the most expensive yearling of 1965, hammered down at \$113,000 (\$589,752 in 1999 dollars). Speedy Scot and Speedy Streak's dam, Scotch Love, is by Victory Song, runner-up in the 1946 race.
- Father and son owners Clarence and John Gaines, and trainer Frank Ervin won back-to-back Hambletonians.

- Ervin had been hospitalized for surgery, so the responsibilities of the day fell to his assistant Art Hult. Hult not only oversaw the preparation of the winner, but drove the stable's other entry, the filly Speed Model, to a second place finish in the final and third money overall.

SPEEDY STREAK, b c, by Speedster—Scotch Love, by Victory Song

Driver: Del Cameron

Trainer: Frank Ervin

Owner: C. F. Gaines, J. R. Gaines, and K. D. Owen

Breeder: Castleton Farm, KY

Groom: John Fitch

Sale History: \$113,000 yearling at Tattersalls in Lexington, KY. . . 1 1

KEYSTONE PRIDE, by Hickory Pride—Goddess Gallon, by Bill Gallon

Driver: Bill Haughton

Owner: Hardwood Stable . . . 2 3

SPEED MODEL, by Speedster—Yankee Lass, by Florican

Driver: Art Hult

Owner: George H. Alexander . . . 7 2

Also competed: Pomp 5-8, Flying Cloud 9-5, Armbro Harold 8-6, Murray Mir 8-12, Miss Marker 12-7, Skymaster 10-9, Arden Vance 11-10

HALIFAX HANOVER, by Hickory Smoke—Highland Lassie, by Scotland

Driver: Joe O'Brien

Owner: Armstrong Bros . . . 3 4

DAZZLING SPEED, by Speedster—Princess Martha, by Darnley

Driver: Stanley Dancer

Owner: Irving Berkmeier. . . 4 11

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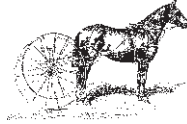
Kerry Way: A Filly Winner

For the third year in a row, a son or daughter of Star's Pride was a Hambletonian winner. Kerry Way, a filly bred by John Gaines of Lexington, Kentucky, and owned by Gainesway Farm, set a world record for two heats by a trotting filly. Kerry Way was the eleventh filly to win the great race.

Polaris was second in both heats of the 1966 race with the miles trotted in 1:58⁴ and 1:59³. Frank Ervin trained and drove Kerry Way, a beautifully gaited filly who gave Ervin some anxious moments after

the first mile when it was discovered that she had struck herself on a knee. Between heats of the Hambletonian, trainer Ervin decided to add equipment. The outcome could have been disastrous if the filly had rejected her new equipment, a pair of knee boots. With the boots in place, however, she roared into the lead at the three-quarters and under strong driving, held off the rally of Polaris.

It was the second Hambletonian victory for Frank Ervin, but his first as both trainer and driver. He had driven the 1959 winner, Diller Hanover, who was trained by Ralph Baldwin.



- In an extraordinary equipment change between heats, Kerry Way won the final wearing knee boots for the first time in her career.
- Kerry Way was the first filly Two-year-old Trotter of the Year (1965) to win the Hambletonian. There was not a separate filly division until 1968. Continentalvictory was the only other two-year-old filly champion (1995) to win the Hambletonian.
- The homebred Kerry Way was a half sister to Pillow Talk, the dam of 1972 winner Super Bowl.
- Star's Pride, second in the 1950 classic, sired the Hambletonian winner for the third consecutive year. In fact, the first three money winners in 1966 were all by Star's Pride.
- Kerry Way's breeder, John Gaines, later founded the Breeders' Cup in Thoroughbred racing.
- Kerry Way was the Three-Year-Old Trotter of the Year.

KERRY WAY, br f, by Star's Pride—Beloved, by Rodney
Driver: Frank Ervin Trainer: Frank Ervin
Owner & Breeder: Gainesway Farm (John R. Gaines), Lexington, KY
Groom: Howie Franklin. . . . 1 1

POLARIS, by Star's Pride—Pigeon Hill, by Hoot Mon
Driver: George Sholty
Owner: Livio Battista . . . 2 2

SHATTER WAY, by Star's Pride—Lady Gainesway, by Rodney
Driver: Olaf Widell
Owner: Kurt Hellburg. . . 4 3

CARLISLE, by Hickory Pride—Good Note, by Phonograph
Driver: William Haughton
Owner: Lloyds, Miller, and Hempt. . . 3 7

ARMBRO GAZELLE, by Jamie—Tina Gallon, by His Excellency
Driver: Bob Silliphant
Owner: M. J. Webster . . . 6 4

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