

# PERICULUM

Bay colt, 3 by Muscle Hill – Amour Heiress – Cantab Hall



**OWNER:** Holly Lane Stud East [Marcus Melander, Madelene Melander, Mikael Melander, Mikaela Melander], FL; Brixton Medical [Charles Goodwin], NJ; Howard Taylor, PA  
**BREEDER:** Order By Stable [Stefan Balazsi], Sweden  
**SALE INFO:** \$340,000 Lexington Selected  
**TRAINER:** Marcus Melander  
**DRIVER:** Mattias Melander

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	7	1	1	1	\$143,532	1:55.0 M
2021	11	2	2	1	\$86,406	1:53.1 M
LIFETIME	18	3	3	2	\$229,938	2, 1:53.1 M

- Driver and second trainer Mattias Melander on his best qualities: “If he gets the right trip, he can really go that last quarter. He can really kick it in.”
- Finished fourth in his Hambletonian elimination. He drew post nine in the final and listed at odds of 15-1.
- Mattias Melander On the elim: “He raced super. He was three-wide in the turn and then I had to go first-over, and he fought hard all the way in. I didn’t want it to become too tough a race because he was first-over two weeks ago as well, but he fought all the way to the wire. So, I was very happy.”
- Came into the Hambletonian eliminations off a fourth place finish in his Stanley Dancer division at the Meadowlands on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- He finished second behind Temporal Hanover in the \$310,000 Zweig Memorial at Vernon Downs on July 9.
- Periculum finished fourth in his division of the Reynolds stakes behind fellow Hambletonian contenders Rebuff and Fast As The Wind.
- Started his three-year-old campaign with a win in a leg of the New Jersey Sire Stakes in 1:55 in the slop. He finished third in the NJSS Final on May 27 at the Meadowlands.

- Driver and second trainer Mattias Melander on changes from 2 to 3: “He’s a little bit more mature with everything. You can handle him a little bit better now. Last year, he got a little hot.”
- He finished out his two-year-old year with a seventh place finish in the Matron Final at Dover Downs.
- Bounced back strong with a 1:53.1 win in the Bluegrass Stakes and a second in the International Stallion Stakes at the Red Mile.
- Periculum won his William Wellwood elimination at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:54.3, but broke in the final and finished tenth.
- Kicked off his freshman year in the New Jersey Sire Stakes and managed a third place finish in leg one. After scratching sick from the Peter Haughton elimination, he finished second in the Garden State Stakes at the Meadowlands on the night before the 2021 Hambletonian.
- In the 2021 Hambletonian, Marcus Melander finished sixth with Sonofamistry. 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 both elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017 when 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 sent out three finalists in both 2019 and 2020, and takes three shots again at the 2022 Hambletonian.
- Melander, 30, had his best Hambletonian Oaks finish in 2020 with Hypnotic AM, who was 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 400 training wins and has earned nearly \$20 million.
- Mattias Melander, who turns 26 on August 4, is making his second Hambletonian start. He finished tenth in 2020 with Rome Pays Off. He is the brother of trainer Marcus Melander.
- Mattias, a native of Sweden, came to the U.S. six years ago, and began working at the stable of Hall of Fame trainer Jimmy Takter, where his brother Marcus had also worked, but Takter talked him into staying.
- Mattias has over 70 driving wins and earnings over \$1.7 million.
- Sire Muscle Hill has sired three Hambletonian winners Ramona Hill (2020), Marion Marauder (2016) and Trixtion (2014). He is co-stakes record holder with offspring Ramona Hill – both winning the Hambletonian in 1:50.1.

- Co-owners Brixton Medical were partners on 2014 Hambletonian champion Trixton and 2010 winner Muscle Massive
- Co-owner Howard Taylor won the Hambletonian in 2018 with Atlanta.
- Breeder Order By Stable bred 2018 Hambletonian winner Atlanta.
- The entire Melander family Marcus, Madelene, Mikael and Mikaela [Holly Lane Stud East] are co-owners.
- Periculum is Latin for danger. It is also a spell in Harry Potter. Periculum was the incantation of a charm that allowed the caster to send out bursting red sparks from their wand. The sparks were firework-like in appearance, and had a vast range, shooting up to a great height, then hovering in the spot where the caster aimed.