

KEG STAND

Bay colt, 3 by Bar Hopping – Palm Beach Bi – Angus Hall



OWNER: Black Horse Racing [Barry Guariglia], NJ; Christina Takter, NJ; John Fielding, ON
BREEDER: M. Biasuzzi Stable, FL
SALE INFO: \$30,000 Standardbred Horse Sale
TRAINER: Nancy Takter
DRIVER: David Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	3	2	0	0	\$70,952	1:53.0 Mea
2021	11	3	2	2	\$144,766	1:53.3 Lex
LIFETIME	14	5	2	2	\$215,718	3, 1:53.0 Mea

- Fifth in his Hambletonian elimination. He drew post 4 in the final and listed at odds of 10-1.
- Nancy Takter on the elim: “I was super happy with him. That was only his third start of the year, so he definitely needed that start. He hasn’t raced in this type of competition before, so it was nice to see that he seemed to belong. He was full of trot finishing. David [Miller] was very happy with him. It’s tough when you only have two races under your belt and it was his first start on a mile track this year, so he really hasn’t been stretched out yet. It was definitely a step forward.”
- Keg Stand only had two starts in 2022 going into his Hambletonian elimination. Both were wins in the PA Sire stakes. He took a lifetime mark of 1:53 on July 15 at The Meadows.
- Takter on his potential: “He was a nice colt last year. He always raced well; he was very consistent. He didn’t finish his year very well; he had a little chip in a hind ankle that we took out between his 2- and 3-year-old season. He trained super all winter and qualified really well. I scoped him just to see how he was, and he had an [epiglottal] entrapment. So, we had to do entrapment surgery and it was a little complicated and took extra time. I didn’t think he was going to make the Hambletonian, but he earned his way there. He was racing well, and was so good at The Meadows, we thought we would give him a shot.”
- Ended his freshman campaign with a seventh place finish in his Breeders Crown elimination.
- Finished second in his Bluegrass division at The Red Mile and made a break in the International Stallion Stakes.

- Captured a leg of the Kentucky Champion Series in Lexington in 1:56.1, and finished third in leg three. He finished fifth in the series final after scratching sick from the PASS Final.
- Began his career two-for-three. Earned a third place finish in his first start in the Tompkins-Geers at the Meadowlands and then racked up two wins in Pennsylvania Sire Stakes events.
- 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.
- She has trained two Horse of the Year Award winners. JK She'salady, who earned the honor in both the U.S. and Canada in 2014, and Tall Dark Stranger in 2020.
- Takter was 1 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 Takter continued something of a family tradition by winning the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella. Yannick Gingras drove Jimmy Takter's final five Oaks champs, which came consecutively from 2014 to 2018, and also drove Sorella. In addition to winning with Sorella, Takter finished third in the Oaks final with Panem. Later in the day, Takter-trained Ready For Moni was second in the Hambletonian final. She sent out three Hambo finalists in 2021 and finished second with 55-1 longshot Spy Booth.
- Looks Like Moni is her other 2022 Hambletonian starter. She also has Selfie Queen in the Hambletonian Oaks final.
- Takter was the caretaker of 2010 Hambletonian winner Muscle Massive, trained by her father. She made her Hambletonian final debut as a trainer in 2014 with Resolve, who finished fifth.
- Osvaldo Formia was the only other caretaker of a Hambletonian winner to also win the Hambletonian as a trainer. Osvaldo Formia, who trained Hambletonian harness racing winners Harmonious and Probe, died Saturday (April 9) in Florida. He was three days from turning 84. In addition to his victories in 1990 with Harmonious and in 1989 with Probe, who finished in a dead heat for win with Park Avenue Joe, Mr. Formia was the caretaker for two Hambletonian champions: Speedy Somolli in 1978 and Trotting Triple Crown winner Lindy's Pride in 1969.
- Takter won 101 races in 2021, earning over \$4.8 million in purses. For her career, she has earned nearly \$27 million in purses and closing in on 545 lifetime wins.
- David Miller won the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style, trained by Richard "Nifty" Norman.
- Miller is seeking his first Hambletonian trophy, but has never driven a horse in the final at odds lower than 7-1. He had third-place finishes with Gimpanzee in 2019, Uncle Lasse in 2015, and Corky in 2013. In 2017, he drove What The Hill, who crossed the finish line first,

but was disqualified for interference in the stretch. In 2021, he drove Take All Comers to a fifth place finish.

- The Dave Miller Hall of Fame career was in full flight in 2021. The Buckeye drove three Dan Patch Award winners, Test Of Faith, Perfect Sting and Venerable. Test Of Faith ranked third on the sport's earnings list with \$1,069,739. That sophomore filly pacer was voted Horse of the Year. She won a Breeders Crown, Empire Breeders Classic, Glen Garnsey and New York Sires Stakes Final. Perfect Sting was the sport's leading money winner with \$1,273,847. That sophomore son of Always B Miki won his second straight Breeders Crown. Venerable was fourth in earnings with \$1,039,966. That two-year-old daughter of Walner won the Mohawk Million, Jim Doherty Memorial, Peaceful Way and New Jersey Sires Stakes Final. Miller also guided When Dovescry to victory in the TVG Mares Trot Final, equaling the stakes record of 1:51.4.
- A 2014 inductee into the Hall of Fame, Miller ranks No. 2 all time in purses with \$264 million and has finished among the top five in earnings 21 of the past 22 years. John Campbell, now president and CEO of the Hambletonian Society, holds the sport's record for purses with \$300 million. Miller is No. 4 all-time in wins with more than 13,750.
- In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors. In 2016, he was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced a world record 1:46 at The Red Mile.
- In 2015, Miller set a record with five Breeders Crown wins in a single year.
- Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.
- Co-owner Black Horse Racing, Barry Guariglia, was the owner of stand-out trotting mare Manchego. She earned over \$3.1 million before retiring in 2021. Manchego won the Hambletonian Oaks in 2018, and she is tied with Atlanta as co-fastest trotting females in history at 1:49.
- Co-owners Christina Takter and John Fielding previously won the Hambletonian in 2015 with Pinkman. Christina Takter was also a co-owner of 2014 winner Trixton.
- Sire Bar Hopping earned over \$1.2 million in his career. His offspring Bella Bellini won the 2021 Hambletonian Oaks and has earnings topping \$1.5 million. His other top performers include In Range (\$790,000) and Johan Palema (\$605,000). Bar Hopping finished fifth as the heavy favorite in the 2016 Hambletonian when he was trained by Jimmy Takter.