

TACTICAL APPROACH

Bay colt, 3 by Tactical Landing – Sarcy – Donato Hanover



OWNER: Robert J. Leblanc, NY, NY; John D Fielding, ON;
Joe Sbrocco & Jaf Racing [John Fodera], SI, NY
BREEDER: Steve H. Stewart, KY; Oakwood Farms, IN
SALE INFO: \$85,000 Lexington-Select
TRAINER: Nancy Takter
DRIVER: Scott Zeron

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2023	8	3	0	4	\$81,489	1:51.1 M
2022	5	2	0	0	\$36,500	1:54.1 Lex
LIFETIME	13	5	0	4	\$117,989	3, 1:51.1 M

- Third in his Hambletonian elimination. He drew post ten in the final.
- Came into his Hambletonian eliminations off two third place finishes. He finished behind fellow Hambletonian contenders Celebrity Bambino and Oh Well on July 1 in the Reynolds and behind Winner's Bet in his Stanley Dancer division on July 15.
- "I am very happy with the maturity and development of Tactical Approach," said Takter after his first win. "This versatile horse has shown so much potential, and I am confident he will continue to excel in the future."
- "He's very nice to handle," said driver Scott Zeron after this first season win.
- Started his sophomore year two for two with wins at the Meadowlands including a leg of the NJ Sire Stakes.
- Tactical Approach had two wins in five starts as a freshman in 2022. Both were wins in legs of the Kentucky Commonwealth Series.
- Nancy Takter has finished second in two of the past three editions of the Hambletonian, with 55-1 longshot Spy Booth in 2021 and with Ready For Moni in 2020.
- 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. In 2022 she had two Hambletonian finalists.
- Last year, Takter was No. 8 in purses with \$4.43 million. Her top win came with Treacherous Dragon in the Breeders Crown for 3-year-old female pacers. At the end of the year, Treacherous Dragon received the Dan Patch Award for best sophomore female pacer.
- For her career, Takter has won nearly 650 races and \$31 million.
- 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 is the only 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 in 2022 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.
- Nancy Takter posted another strong season in 2022 with 92 wins and \$4,435,874 in purse earnings. Takter was also just shy of the \$30 million mark in career earnings by year's end. Her prominent performers were Selfie Queen, Pretender, One Eight Hundred, Balance, Market Based, Sweet Treasure, Treacherous Dragon, Cant Stop Lou, Save America, Brunella, Keg Stand and Looks Like Moni. Treacherous Dragon was voted a 2022 Dan Patch Award winner. She led all 3-year-old female pacers with \$717,835. Her victories included the Jugette and Breeders Crown.
- Scott Zeron won the Hambletonian in 2018 with Atlanta, trained by his father Rick, and in 2016 with Marion Marauder, trained by Paula Wellwood. Marion Marauder went on to capture the Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity to sweep the Trotting Triple Crown. Marion Marauder was the ninth Trotting Triple Crown winner and was named Trotter of the Year.
- With Marion Marauder, the then 27-year-old Zeron was the second-youngest driver to win the Hambletonian and youngest driver to win a harness racing Triple Crown, either trotting or pacing.

- A native of Montreal, Zeron made a name for himself in Ontario before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013. He twice led all Canadian drivers in wins, in 2011 and 2010.
- Zeron received the 2012 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- In 2022, Zeron won 144 races and \$4,779,023 in purse earnings. He passed 4,200 career wins and \$91 million in career purse earnings. While recovering from a racing injury, Zeron had a chance to shine as a racing commentator on Hambletonian Day. He drove Dan Patch Award winner Treacherous Dragon to his sixth Breeders Crown victory in 1:49.1. Zeron also rallied El Rey to win the Governor's Cup in 1:49.2
- Co-owner John Fielding previously won the Hambletonian in 2015 with Pinkman.
- Sire, Tactical Landing, had tons of talent and was finally able to put it together his three year old season. He was a winner of his elimination and \$500,000 Final of the Breeders Crown, the \$350,000 TVG Trot Final, Bluegrass Stakes, an elimination of the Hambletonian, an elimination of the Kentucky Futurity, and a leg of the Kentucky Sires Stakes. He was second in the Kentucky Sires Stakes Final and third in the final of the Hambletonian. He retired to stud with over \$812,000 in career earnings.