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Demon Hanover: The Amateur Touch

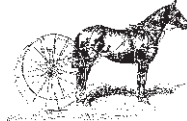
When Demon Hanover swept the two-heat 1948 Hambletonian, "Steamin' Demon" and owner-driver Harrison Hoyt were joined in the winner's circle by Hoyt's wife and two young sons. Hoyt, a Bethel, Connecticut hat manufacturer, had been driving for just three years.

Purchased for \$2,600 at the Harrisburg Sale, Demon Hanover raced in Saratoga Amateur trots at two. In 1948, he won the Historic Dickinson Cup and the Matron before the Hambletonian. It was the only time that a Hambletonian winner was selected, trained, and driven by an amateur.

Demon's sire, Dean Hanover, was the last foal of Dillon Axworthy, sold

for \$410 to H. Stacy Smith, a well-known Newark, New Jersey amateur. Dean trotted a then three-year-old world record of 1:58²/₅ driven by 11-year-old Alma Sheppard, daughter of Lawrence B. Sheppard of Hanover Shoe Farms.

Demon Hanover dominated not only the three-year-olds, but also the free-for-allers, racing until the end of the 1951 season. He retired with a then trotting record \$187,344.61 to his credit, with wins in the Roosevelt Two Mile Trot, American Trotting Championship, Trotting Derby, aged division of the Hambletonian, Sportsman's Park Trotting Derby (twice), Batavia Downs Invitational and the Michigan Governor's Trophy.



- Haberdasher Harrison Hoyt became the first amateur driver/owner to win the Hambletonian.
- Charles Colburn, star of Green Grass of Wyoming which premiered that year, was on hand to congratulate Hoyt, his wife and their two sons, Harrison Jr. and Billy.

- Demon Hanover inspired a fashion trend of sorts when the Hoyt Hat Company offered Demon Hanover brand hats and ties. The snap-brim felt hat was sold in two weights and three colors (light tan, gray and medium brown) and was worn by many horsemen of the era.
- Demon Hanover would be syndicated for \$500,000, the highest price ever paid for a trotter to date. The price equaled the half million dollars paid for the pacing stallion Adios.

DEMON HANOVER, b c, by Dean Hanover—Sorceress, by Volomite
 Driver & Trainer: Harrison R. Hoyt
 Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Hoyt, Bethel, CT
 Breeder: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA
 Groom: Donald Boerum
 Sale History: \$2,500 yearling at Standardbred Horse Sale . . . 1 1

ROLLO, by Volomite—Ruth M. Chenault, by Peter Chenault
 Driver: Tom Berry
 Owner: Coldstream Stud . . . 2 2

EGAN HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Earl's Princess Martha, by Protector
 Driver: Ralph Baldwin
 Owner: Saunders Mills . . . 3 3

Also competed: Mighty Sister 7-6, Cynical Way 10-7, Adeline Hanover 8-8, Mercy Abbey 11-9, Rupert Hanover 9-11.

JEFF HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Lady Laurel, by The Laurel Hall
 Driver: Frank Safford
 Owner: Marilou O'Connor . . . 5 4

MADISON HANOVER, by Spencer Scott—Madge Hanover, by Mr. McElwyn
 Driver: Ben White
 Owner: W. H. Strang, Jr. . . . 4 10

JUDGE MOORE, by Volstadt—Colleen Ireland, by Mr. McElwyn
 Driver: Del Miller
 Owner: W. N. Reynolds . . . 6 5

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