



### **BARE MY SOUL (Chapter Seven – Celebrity Angel – Yankee Glide)**

Bare My Soul blasted off the wings of the gate to secure a stalking trip and raced locked at the cones to finish third to Venerable by a length in the first Hambletonian Oaks elimination.

Coming off a lowkey 2-year-old season where she only won one time in a New York Sires Stake at Vernon Downs, Bare My Soul returned as a 3-year-old racing mainly in New York Sires Stakes company, where she won one division at Vernon Downs in 1:52.1 and another at Saratoga Raceway in 1:56. She otherwise has attempted Grand Circuit company twice before the Hambletonian Oaks eliminations, finishing seventh in the \$35,600 Reynolds Memorial at The Meadowlands and sixth in the \$123,000 Zweig Filly Trot.

#### **Quotes**

From her performance in the elimination, trainer Linda Toscano said “I was really happy with her. It wasn’t totally surprising to me because I know she’s really talented and she’s really good gaited, and I knew she could get off the wings like that. The biggest problem with a filly like her is that she really doesn’t want the lead on the big track. She can do it on the small tracks, but on the big track she really likes to follow. [Yannick Gingras] gave her a picture-perfect trip. He said if he could have found a clear lane, he might have been second with her. I’m pretty happy with her. I knew she wouldn’t embarrass herself. She’s a beautiful filly. She’s stout and she’s a perfect size. She’s very nice.

In the differences in Bare My Soul from 2 to 3, Toscano said, “She grew up and is more mature. She was talented last year, too, but I mismanaged her terribly. I don’t normally; normally I pride myself on being able to manage one really well. But I shipped her to Kentucky not knowing who Venerable was at the time and got caught up with Venerable and Selfie Queen and those horses out there. Then the next thing you know, I shipped her too late back [east]. She won in [1]:54 at Vernon and I didn’t have enough legs of the New York Sire Stakes to make the final – I enough points, but not enough legs – so, no matter what I did, I did it wrong. This year, we’re trying to cross every T and dot every I.

According to Toscano, Bare My Soul’s best qualities are that “She can leave the gate and she can put herself in position. With a trotter, there is nothing better than that.”

## **Breeding Notes**

Bare My Soul is sired by former Linda Toscano trainee Chapter Seven and out of the lightly raced Yankee Glide mare Celebrity Angel. Chapter Seven tries for his first Hambletonian Oaks win as a sire.

Kentuckiana Farms LLC bred Bare My Soul and also bred 2012 Oaks winner Personal Style, who pulled a 57-1 upset when favorites Check Me Out and Maven broke stride coming to the top of the stretch.

## **Driver Bio**

### **YANNICK GINGRAS**

**Born: 8/4/1979 – Birthplace: Greenfield Park, Quebec – Resides: Allentown, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2022.

**Dan Patch Award Driver of the Year:** 2017, 2014.

**Hambletonian Oaks wins (6):** Sorella, 2020; Manchego, 2018; Ariana G, 2017; All The Time, 2016; Wild Honey, 2015; Lifetime Pursuit, 2014.

Yannick Gingras, who was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y., on July 3, holds the record for most driving wins in the Hambletonian Oaks with six.

He won the 2020 Hambletonian Oaks with Sorella for trainer Nancy Takter. His previous five victories came for Takter's father, Jimmy, in consecutive years, 2014 through 2018.

Gingras has finished second in the Hambletonian on three occasions. He was runner-up with Ready For Moni in 2020, Southwind Frank in 2016, and filly Mission Brief in 2015.

In 2021, Gingras finished fourth in the Hambletonian final with Delayed Hanover.

Gingras' biggest win so far this year came July 16 when he won the Meadowlands Pace with Beach Glass.

A third-generation horseman from Quebec, Gingras arrived in the U.S. in 2001 and established himself as a top driver at Yonkers Raceway. In 2003, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association and in 2004 he moved his base to the Meadowlands. He has won multiple Big M driving titles, most recently in 2020.

Gingras, who has won more than 8,200 races lifetime, ranks fifth in career driving purses with \$208 million. He led the sport in earnings four consecutive years, 2014-2017.

He has sat behind three Dan Patch Award Horse of the Year winners: Tall Dark Stranger in 2020, Hannelore Hanover in 2017, and JK She'salady in 2014.

Among his many other accomplishments, Gingras is known for his association with pacer Foiled Again, who retired in 2018 as the richest horse in harness racing history with \$7.63 million in lifetime earnings.

## **Trainer Bio**

### **LINDA TOSCANO**

**Born: 6/26/1955 – Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY – Resides: Freehold, NJ**

**Hall of Fame:** Class of 2019.

**Dan Patch Award Trainer of the Year:** 2012.

**Hambletonian wins (1):** Market Share, 2012.

Linda Toscano was the first female trainer to win the Hambletonian, which she did with Market Share in 2012.

One year earlier, Toscano-trained Chapter Seven finished fourth in the race. In 2017, Toscano trained the favorite heading toward the event, Dan Patch Award-winner Walner, but the colt was unable to race because of injury and was later retired.

Chapter Seven came back at age 4 and won eight of 10 races, \$1.02 million, and was named Horse of the Year. He was one of three Dan Patch Award winners for Toscano that season, with Market Share and pacer Heston Blue Chip, and Toscano was named 2012 Trainer of the Year Award by the U.S. Harness Writers Association. She was the first female trainer to receive the honor.

Last year, Toscano won a Hambletonian Oaks elimination with Lady Chaos. She finished 10th in the final.

Toscano has won more than 2,400 races as a trainer. She has \$62 million in career purses and has topped \$1 million in earnings for 17 consecutive years, including 2022.

A Brooklyn native, Toscano briefly attended SUNY at Stony Brook before finding her calling and beginning her career on the track. She worked side by side with veteran trainer Buddy Regan and Hall of Famers Buddy Gilmour and John Campbell prior to stepping out on her own in 1985.

### **Owner Bio**

Bare My Soul races for owners Richard Gutnick, Thomas Pontone, Joseph Lozito Jr. and Enviro Stables Ltd. All owners are trying for their first victory in the Hambletonian Oaks, though co-owner Richard Gutnick has already landed a classic victory when the Toscano-trained Market Share won the Hambletonian in 2012.