

# TEMPORAL HANOVER

Bay colt, 3 by Walner – Think Twice – Cantab Hall



**OWNER:** AMG Stable [Jan Johnson], FL; Kenneth Kjellgren, Sweden; Rick Wahlstedt, NY; Heights Stable [Michael Sabatine], NY  
**BREEDER:** Hanover Shoe Farms  
**SALE INFO:** \$55,000 Standardbred Horse Sale  
**TRAINER:** Marcus Melander  
**DRIVER:** Orjan Kihlstrom

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	EARNINGS	MARK
2022	6	3	3	0	\$300,625	1:52.2 VD
2021	12	5	2	1	\$207,666	1:53.2 Lex
LIFETIME	18	8	5	1	\$508,291	3, 1:52.2 VD

- Temporal Hanover finished second by a head in his elimination behind Jiggy Jog S. Listed at odds of 8-1 and drew post seven in the final.
- Melander on the elim: “He raced very good. He raced first up. He came home very good too, but when Jiggy Jog found room she was just very quick.”
- Came into his Hambletonian elimination off a second place finish in his Stanley Dancer Memorial elimination behind Hambletonian contender Rebuff on July 16.
- Took his mark of 1:52.2 when he captured the \$310,000 Zweig at Vernon Downs on June 9 over stablemate and fellow Hambletonian contender Periculum.
- Began his three-year-old campaign with two wins in the New Jersey Sire Stakes in 1:54 and 1:52.3. Then finished second in the final just a neck behind Pretender after being parked out the majority of the mile.
- As a freshman, he won a division of the International Stallion Stakes at The Red Mile in 1:53.2 before returning to the Meadowlands where he finished third in his Breeders Crown elimination and sixth in the final.
- After finishing ninth in the 2021 Peter Haughton Memorial, Temporal Hanover rolled off two straight wins – capturing a division of the Champlain Stakes in 1:57 and his William Wellwood elimination in 1:55.1 both at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

- Started his career two-for-two in the New Jersey Sire Stakes. He finished second behind fellow Hambletonian contender King Of The North in the \$200,000 NJSS Final.
- In 2021, 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 elimination winners. His first Hambletonian was in 2017. 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 had three finalists in both 2019 and 2020, and takes three shots again in 2022.
- 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.
- He also has Hambletonian starters Periculum and the filly Joviality S.
- Örjan Kihlström is one of Europe's top drivers and was elected to Sweden's Hall of Fame in 2015. He already has two stakes wins at the Meadowlands in his career, capturing the 2014 Breeders Crown Open Trot with Commander Crowe and 2015 Fresh Yankee with D'One on Hambletonian Day. He drove Cruzado Dela Noche in his Hambletonian elimination in 2015, finishing ninth and failing to advance to the final. In 2018, he drove Evaluate to a fifth place finish in the Hambletonian final. Most recently he drove Gerry in 2019, who finished seventh and failed to make the final.
- He is perhaps best known internationally for his wins with Nuncio, Magic Tonight, and From Above in the Elitlopp and his win with Maharajah in the Prix d'Amérique. He also has driven stars such as Giant Diablo and Propulsion.
- When he was elected to the Hall of Fame, Kihlström's bio proclaimed: "Magic hands. Nerves of steel. Ice cold as few. He has the ability many want, but few possess."
- Temporal Hanover is from the first crop of Walner, a stand-out trotter sidelined in his three year old year due to injury. His other notable offspring include Hambletonian Oaks contenders Venerable [\$1.1 million], Fashion Schooner and fellow Hambletonian finalists Joviality S and Jiggy Jog S, both fillies.
- Hanover Shoe Farms has bred eleven Hambletonian winners, the latest being Perfect Spirit in 2017.
- Co-owner Jan Johnson trained Hambletonian winner Armbro Goal in 1988, the same year he also trained Oaks champion Nans Catch, one of Johnson's six Oaks trophies.

