



Alarm Detector

Bay colt, 3 by Chapter Seven – Final Countdown by Yankee Glide

OWNER: Thomas & Elizabeth Rankin, St. Catharines, ON; Claude Hamel, Ayer's Cliff, QC; Santo Vena, Brampton, ON
BREEDER: Order By Stable, Sweden
SALE INFO: Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg \$110,000
TRAINER: Benoit Baillargeon
DRIVER: Trevor Henry

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	4	1	0	2	\$54,936	Q1:53 S
2017	7	6	1	0	\$225,482	1:52.4 S
LIFETIME	11	7	1	2	\$280,418	1:52.4 S

- Alarm Detector was the 2017 O'Brien Award winner for Canada's best 2-year-old male trotter.
- The colt won all but one of his seven races last year, capping his abbreviated campaign with a victory in the \$328,000 William Wellwood Memorial at Mohawk Racetrack (now Woodbine Mohawk Park) on Sept. 18. He did not race again in 2017 because of a bone bruise on the right hind cannon bone. He was given fourth months to recover.
- Alarm Detector's only loss last year was a second-place finish behind You Know You Do in a division of the Champlain Stakes at Mohawk.
- This year, Alarm Detector made his seasonal debut with a win in his elimination for the Goodtimes Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park. He finished third in the final, after which he was discovered to be sick. He made an uncharacteristic break in his elimination for the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono and failed to advance to the final.
- Alarm Detector returned on July 14 in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial at the Meadowlands, where he set the early fractions of :26.2 for the opening quarter, :54.4 to the half and 1:22.3 for three-quarters before finishing third behind Six Pack and You Know You Do. Six Pack's time of 1:50 was the fastest ever for a 3-year-old male trotter.
- The colt, with regular driver Trevor Henry, heads to the Hambletonian off a 1:54 qualifier at Woodbine Mohawk Park.
- "The plan was to race him five starts before the Hambletonian," trainer Ben Baillargeon said. "He made a break in his start at Pocono and I had to re-rig him a little bit. So we missed the fourth start because we didn't make the final for the Beal. The Dancer was part of the plan and I thought he raced tremendous. It was a very costly first quarter for a trotter at the Meadowlands. He was parked three deep and two deep the first quarter. They went very big fractions and he raced real good. I have no complaints about the horse.
- "I just qualified him in (1):54 on Friday. We had a very big headwind down the lane and Trevor just let him roll the third quarter in :26.4. He did it pretty much under wraps. He's going into the race in great shape. He's as best as he's been all year. He's trotting perfect. All we need is a little luck. That day everything has to be perfect. If everything is perfect for us, we'll be right there at the wire. If not, well, some other time.

- “He’s going to train a little bit Tuesday morning again, but not much. We’re good to go.”
- As for the break at Pocono, the trainer said, “For some reason he got on the right line in the second turn and just dove right in, tried to cut the corner too quick. Trevor had to grab him or he was going to knock somebody down. They all have their bad days at one time or another. We have to forget about it and move on.”
- Alarm Detector is a son of Chapter Seven out of Final Countdown. He is Final Countdown’s first foal. His family includes Dan Patch and O’Brien awards-winner Ken Warkentin, who was named in honor of the Meadowlands racetrack announcer and voice of the Hambletonian, as well as stakes-winner Holiday Road.
- “I was in Harrisburg (for the Standardbred Horse Sale) with Santo Venio,” Baillargeon said. “(Agent) Brian Montgomery said I should take a look at this horse. We took a look at him and we just fell in love. He was strong and built for the hard work. I liked the breeding page, you can’t ask for anything better. There is enough pedigree in him. I said I have to bring him home. He’s turned out to be a nice horse.”
- Benoit “Ben” Baillargeon, 60, is one of the top money-winning trainers in Canada on an annual basis, including this year when he ranks among the top five. His horses have earned more than \$1 million for 12 consecutive years and topped \$2 million on five occasions during that span.
- Baillargeon’s first full season on Ontario’s Woodbine-Mohawk circuit came in 2001 and he finished fifth in the trainer standings. Prior to moving to Ontario, Baillargeon had a successful stable at Hippodrome de Montreal.
- A native of Quebec, he was introduced to harness racing by his father Gaetan, who trained and drove Standardbreds. His older brother Mario is an accomplished driver, with nearly 7,750 wins.
- Baillargeon is making his Hambletonian debut.
- “It’s nice to be part of it,” Baillargeon said. “It’s a very hard race to win for anybody. I have to have all the stars align on my side that day. I know my horse will race real good. I know my horse can go with them, he showed it two weeks ago. The trip has to work out. It’s one race, one day. Everything has to be perfect that day. Right now I’m in it. There are a lot of things that can happen Saturday. You never know.”
- Trevor Henry, 47, is making his Hambletonian debut. Once regarded as the king of Canada’s small, or “B” tracks, he began driving regularly on the Woodbine-Mohawk circuit in late 2014 and has continued to make a winning impact at the races. He is the regular driver of 2017 O’Brien Award-winner Alarm Detector.
- Henry led Canadian drivers in wins three consecutive years, 2012 through 2014, and has ranked in the Top 10 in eight of the past nine years.
- He finished No. 2 among Canadian drivers in purses in 2017 and 2016.
- Henry’s top wins in 2017 included the William Wellwood Memorial with Alarm Detector, both the Prix d’Ete and Confederation Cup with Western Fame, and the Eternal Camnation Stakes with Percy Blue Chip, who also claimed an O’Brien Award.
- For his career, Henry has won more than 6,500 races and \$46 million in purses.
- Henry followed his father Ross, a successful trainer, into the sport. Henry won the Lampman Cup as the top driver on the Ontario Sire Stakes circuit in 1996 while driving for his father. He added a second Lampman Cup in 2007.
- He was Canada’s representative in the 2013 World Driving Championship.