



# Classichap

Bay colt, 3 by Chapter Seven – Classical Flirt by Yankee Glide

**OWNER:** Purple Haze Stables LLC (Wanda Polisseni), NY  
**BREEDER:** Hayley Moore, KY  
**SALE INFO:** Lexington Select Yearling Sale, KY \$95,000 (sold as Legal Leverage)  
**TRAINER:** Trond Smedshammer  
**DRIVER:** Trond Smedshammer

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	7	1	3	2	\$70,067	1:51.1 M
2017	4	0	1	0	\$14,125	Q1:59.2 M
LIFETIME	11	1	4	2	\$84,192	1:51.1 M

- Classichap is a half-brother to 2012 Hambletonian winner and two-time Dan Patch Award honoree Market Share.
- The colt was winless in four races in 2017, but finished second to Fourth Dimension in a division of the New York Sire Stakes at Saratoga Harness. Three of Classichap's starts were on the New York circuit.
- "I knew he had a lot of talent," said trainer Trond Smedshammer, who also drives Classichap. "He wasn't staked too much; I wasn't planning on racing him on the Grand Circuit. I raced him a few times in New York and he showed me enough to back off and give him some time to mature."
- This year, Classichap made his seasonal debut with a second-place finish in a division of the New York Sire Stakes at Vernon Downs, followed by a third-place finish in his elimination of the Empire Breeders Classic at Vernon. He went off stride in the EBC final on May 28.
- Classichap returned June 15 with a third-place finish in the New York Sire Stakes at Tioga Downs before heading to the Meadowlands for three starts to prep for the Hambletonian. He was third-placed-second in a conditioned race and then posted his first win with a gate-to-wire 1:51.1 triumph by a head over Tactical Landing in a conditioned race on July 6. His final start prior to the Hambletonian was a second-place finish to Wolfgang in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial on July 14.
- "He was good the start before the Dancer and he was pretty good in the Dancer," Smedshammer said. "I didn't think he was as good in that race, but he's getting some experience. I think the big track suits him better, the Meadowlands-style racing, than up in New York in his previous starts earlier in the year.
- "He's still green and learning, but he's got a big engine. If he gets the right trip and things work out, he's shown he can cut a mile in (1):51 on his own. Not every horse can do that. He's had a nice easy time after the Stanley Dancer. Everything is fine with him. We'll see where he fits in with those top horses."
- In addition to Classichap, Smedshammer trains Hambletonian Oaks contender Phaetosive. The filly won her Oaks elimination and is the 3-1 second choice on the morning line behind Manchego.
- Trond Smedshammer, 51, won the 2004 Hambletonian with Windsong's Legacy. Smedshammer trained and drove the colt to victory. At the end of the 2004 season, Smedshammer was named Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association.

- In addition to his win in the Hambletonian, Smedshammer trained 2008 Hambletonian Oaks winner Creamy Mimi. Andy Miller drove the filly. Smedshammer-trained horses finished second in the Oaks in 2006 (Emantee) and 2004 (Housethatruthbuilt). Both were driven by Brian Sears.
- Smedshammer made his Hambletonian debut in 1997 when he trained and drove Bowlin For Dollars to victory in his elimination and finished fourth in the final.
- A native of Norway, Smedshammer arrived in the U.S. in 1987 after a mandatory year in the Norwegian Army. He worked for trainer Per Henriksen for six months before heading back home, where he continued to train horses. A year later, he returned to the States and worked at Lindy Farms. In 1992, he started his own stable.
- For his career, Smedshammer has won nearly 1,200 races as a trainer and more than 640 races as a driver. As a trainer, his horses have earned \$47 million in purses. Smedshammer's stable has banked at least \$1 million in each of the past 16 years and is nearing the mark again this season.
- Smedshammer's past stars include Arch Madness, who retired in 2014 with \$4.28 million in purses, making him one of the richest trotters in history.
- Wanda Polisseni was born and raised on a farm in the Finger Lakes region of New York, where her family boarded Standardbred horses. In 1977, Wanda and her husband, Gene, and family moved to Cincinnati to open Paychex, Inc. Since retiring from Paychex, she has devoted her time to racing, both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds, and to many charitable organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. She serves on several boards including Rochester General Hospital, Thompson Health Foundation, New York State Troopers Foundations, MCMEC, Crisis Nursery, The Polisseni Foundation, Finger Lakes HBPA, as well as FLTAP.