



ENTERPRISE

Bay, C, 3 by Chapter Seven – She's Gone Again by SJ's Caviar

OWNER: Courant Inc., Delray Beach, FL
BREEDER: Diamond Creek Farm LLC, PA; Melvin Hartman, ON, CA
SALE INFO: \$100,000 Lexington Selected (as Brand New Rap)
TRAINER: Marcus Melander
DRIVER: Tim Tetrick

| YEAR | STARTS | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | EARNINGS | MARK |
|----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|----------|--------------|
| 2017 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | \$59,343 | 1:53.1 Moh |
| 2016 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$6000 | 1:58.1 Phl |
| LIFETIME | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 | \$65,343 | 3,1:53.1 Moh |

When he first began racing, Enterprise sometimes looked for the quickest way to exit the track. Over time, though, he seems to have settled for the fastest way to the winner's circle. The colt, owned by multi-partnered Courant Inc., raced only once last year, winning by 9-1/2 lengths in 1:58.1 at Harrah's Philadelphia in December, and worked his way through conditioned-level competition this year before facing stakes-caliber foes.

"He was very immature," said trainer Marcus Melander, who began training Enterprise in late summer last year. "When he saw an exit (from the track) he wanted to go out. I trained him on the straight track all fall and in November he felt great and ready to go. He felt like a good horse but I wanted to race him once to see how he was. He was still very immature in that race. If you take a look at it, you'll see he was going like a snake down the stretch. But he had plenty left."

A son of 2012 Horse of the Year Chapter Seven out of the mare Shes Gone Again, Enterprise is a half-brother to New Jersey Sire Stakes champion Guess Whos Back and his family includes Dan Patch and O'Brien awards winner Poof She's Gone.

"I didn't mind that he didn't race much last year," Melander said. "If he wasn't ready, he wasn't ready. It was good in a way because he didn't have to race against the best ones right away, even if he probably could. He needed the experience, that's for sure."

"He moves so easy, even though he's a pretty big horse. He's got the tools to be a good horse."

Enterprise won his first five career races before finishing fourth in the Goodtimes Stakes. He heads to the Hambletonian off a second-place finish behind International Moni in a 3-year-old open July 22 at the Meadowlands.

“He was a little short,” Melander said. “He got beat by a good horse, though. I was happy with him, but he needed that race for sure. I think that race will put him forward for the Hambletonian.

“Enterprise was a little sick up there in Canada (for the Goodtimes) so maybe he missed a little too much, had a race less (than hoped). But I still think he will be a hundred percent.”

Courant Inc. is Peter Weisberg, Sabine Kagebrandt and Anders Strom. Strom founded the international gaming website Unibet in 1997. He now holds a small share of the business, but still serves as chairman of the board of directors. He also runs a family investment company.

MARCUS MELANDER (New Egypt, NJ)

Marcus Melander is only 25, but has plenty of connections to the Hambletonian. His uncle, Stefan Melander, won the 2001 Hambletonian as trainer and driver with Scarlet Knight. In addition, Melander trains at the farm that was formerly home to the legendary Stanley Dancer, who shares the record for Hambletonian training victories, with five.

Furthermore, Melander worked in Sweden for his uncle and after moving to the U.S. he worked for Jimmy Takter, who is a four-time winner of the Hambletonian as a trainer.

As a youth growing up in Sweden, Melander stayed up all hours of the night following the results of U.S. harness racing. He was making a name for himself as a driver in Europe, but was always fascinated by racing in the States. At age 19, Melander won Sweden’s equivalent to the U.S. Harness Writers Association’s Rising Star Award. He had just more than 100 wins when the Melanders moved to America.

In 2014, the Melanders moved from Stockholm to New Egypt, N.J., to the farm owned previously by Dancer. Melander’s dad, Mikael, is a flight captain who works on the farm as much as possible, while his mom Madelene and sister Mikaela tend to the stables and help with the horses.

Melander has a stable of approximately 30 horses.

TIM TETRICK (Woolwich Township, NJ)

Tim Tetrick, 35, won the 2012 Hambletonian with Market Share. He has twice finished second in the final, with Smilin Eli in 2013 and Crazed in 2008.

In addition, Tetrick has two wins in the Hambletonian Oaks, with Bar Slide in 2010 and Danae in 2007.

Tetrick grew up in Illinois and followed his father, Tom D. Tetrick, into the sport. Brothers Tom T. and Trace also are involved in harness racing. Trace is the all-time leader in wins at Hoosier Park, where he has won five driving titles.

In 2007, Tetrick won a single-season record 1,189 races and was named the U.S. Harness Writers Association’s Rising Star Award winner as well as Driver of the Year. That season he became the first driver to lead the sport in both wins and purses (a then-record \$18.3 million) in the same year since 1991.

Driver of the Year honors from the U.S. Harness Writers Association followed in 2008, 2012 and 2013.

Tetrick led the sport in purses seven consecutive years (2007 through 2013) and ranks fifth all time in earnings, with \$182 million. Tetrick has ranked among the Top 10 drivers in wins for 12 consecutive years, beginning in 2005. He has won nearly 9,900 career races and ranks No. 14 all time in the category.

He also is the regular driver of top 3-year-old male pacer Huntsville, who won the Meadowlands Pace on July 15. It was Tetrick's fifth victory in the Meadowlands Pace, the second most in history behind only John Campbell's seven Meadowlands Pace wins.