



Southwind Chrome

Brown colt, 3 by Chapter Seven – Counter Pointe by Striking Sahbra

OWNER: Dreamville Stable, Cambridge, ON, CA
BREEDERS: Southwind Farms LLC, NJ
SALE INFO: Lexington Selected Yearling Sale \$60,000
TRAINER: Paula Wellwood
DRIVER: Scott Zeron

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	7	1	4	1	\$76,087	1:54 M
2017	0	0	0	0	\$0	
LIFETIME	7	1	4	1	\$76,087	1:54 M

- Trainer Paula Wellwood returns to try for a second win in the Hambletonian, this time with Southwind Chrome, unraced at two.
- “He had an injury, it wasn’t bad, but we decided we were going to take all the time we needed,” Wellwood said. “We gave him a lot of time and brought him back and he struggled a little bit, that’s why he’s not heavily staked, but we wanted to make sure the Hambletonian was on his card because he always showed us a lot of ability.
- Wellwood, who won the 2016 Hambletonian with Marion Marauder, sent Southwind Chrome to debut on May 7 where he finished second with Roger Mayotte in the bike. He made his next start in the Empire Breeders Classic elimination, finishing fourth, and followed with a second-place finish to Six Pack in the \$223,673 final, timed in 1:51.2.
- “We started him out and he exceeded our expectations,” Wellwood said. “We’re maybe not as seasoned as the other horses. It’s only his eighth lifetime start. But what he did in the Empire Breeders in his third lifetime start was unbelievable. He’s never let us down. He had a couple of struggles in the winter training down with his gait, but once he got to qualifying he just changed. He started to excel. He’s a very honest, happy horse. He’s not a big horse, but he’s a very strong horse. He doesn’t seem to get tired. That’s one of his keys. He’s just everything right, so we thought we would take a chance.”
- Southwind Chrome has made four starts since finishing second to Six Pack. He was second in a \$39,900 division of New York Sires Stakes and, the start after that, won an overnight at the Meadowlands. He has since finished third and second in his last starts respectively, both times finishing behind Takter’s hyped speedwagon Tactical Landing, who is one of four Hambletonian entrants for Takter in his last season of training.
- Scott Zeron, trying for his second Hambletonian win in what would be his third start in the final (he drove one of the favorites, International Moni, in 2017 but broke around the first turn) will drive Southwind Chrome in his elimination but also drives Atlanta, the filly trained by his father Rick Zeron taking on the boys. She’s the first filly since Mission Brief, who finished second to Pinkman in 2015, to try against the boys in the Hambletonian. The last filly to win the Hambletonian was Continentalvictory in 1996.

- “If we get lucky enough to make the final I know we’ll be looking for a driver,” Wellwood said, “but we’ll cross that bridge when we come to it. He likes Chrome too. He commented that he’s got two nice horses. He’s not underestimating him.”
- Wellwood’s star, Marion Marauder, also races on Hambletonian Day. Now five, he’s won 17 races in 44 starts and compiled over \$2.7 million in earnings. He’ll start in the John Cashman Memorial for the second year in a row and is one of three Hambletonian winners still racing today with Pinkman and Perfect Spirit (racing in Sweden) being the others. Marion Marauder also was the first horse since Glidemaster in 2006 to win the Trotting Triple Crown, composed of the Hambletonian, Yonkers Trot and Kentucky Futurity.