



SORTIE

Brown, C, 3 by Explosive Matter – Win B by Tagliabue

OWNER: Patricia Stable, Massapequa, NY; Joe Sbocco, Brecksville, OH; Mario Mazza, New Hope, PA; Sortie Stable, Bordentown, NJ
BREEDER: Pedigree Farm, ON
SALE INFO: Lexington Selected Sale Yearling \$65,000
TRAINER: Noel Daley
DRIVER: Andrew McCarthy

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	7	2	1	0	\$52,182	Q 1:52.3 M
2016	8	2	1	1	\$122,055	1:55 M
LIFETIME	15	4	2	1	\$174,237	3,Q 1:52.3 M

- Last start was in an overnight race for 3-year-olds at the Meadowlands on July 29 where he broke stride and finished seventh. He was coming into that race off a qualifier on July 22 at the Meadowlands which he won in 1:52.3, a lifetime mark.
- Won a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes division and a Currier & Ives split at The Meadows to start his season and was second to Long Tom in his Earl Beal Jr. Memorial elimination on June 24 at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono.
- Has been plagued by breaks since that elimination performance as he went off-stride in the Beal final, in his Stanley Dancer Memorial division at the Meadowlands, and in the overnight race on July 29
- “I can’t keep making excuses for him,” said trainer Noel Daley about his breaking issues. “There’s no reason why he’s doing what he’s doing. We’re going to put the trotting hobbles on him. Without Walner in there, I think (Sortie) is as fast as the rest of them, but he’s got to show that. I’ll put the trotting hobbles on him and maybe we’ll just send him down the road. We’ll see what happens, how he draws. Six of us own him, so we’re going to give him a shot. I don’t think there are any unbeatables in there, so I’m going to give him a shot.”
- Sortie was third in the Breeders Crown (after winning his elimination) and second in the Matron final as a 2-year-old. He also won an overnight race at the Meadowlands on September 16, 2016
- Sire Explosive Matter, who was also trained by Daley, was second to Muscle Hill in the 2009 Hambletonian. He picked up his first Hambletonian victory as a sire in 2015 when Pinkman was victorious. Dam Win B (Tagliabue) earned \$134,014 in her career and is a full sister to ENS Tag Session, who produced Hambletonian finalist Triumphant Caviar (2009)

- Andrew McCarthy, 31, is making his Hambletonian debut. Last year McCarthy set career highs with 277 wins and \$4.51 million in purses. His biggest wins of the season came at the Meadowlands, with 3-year-old female pacer Blue Moon Stride in the Mistletoe Shalee and New Jersey Sire Stakes championship as well as with trotter What The Hill in the New Jersey Sire Stakes championship for 2-year-old males.
- A chance meeting with Daley inspired McCarthy to leave Australia and head to the U.S. in 2007. In his third lifetime drive in the States, McCarthy piloted Daley's Took Hanover to a 1:49 win in the open at the Meadowlands. He now has 1,750 victories in the U.S.
- McCarthy is a third generation horseman. His brothers Luke and Todd are successful drivers in Australia and his father John is a trainer. Luke McCarthy drove in the U.S. briefly in 2009 and is remembered for when he filled in for Brian Sears and won the World Trotting Derby with Hambletonian champion Muscle Hill. Interestingly, Sears did not drive Muscle Hill only twice in the Hall of Fame horse's 21-race career. The other occasion occurred at Lexington's Red Mile in 2008 when Muscle Hill was a 2-year-old. The driver that day was Andrew McCarthy, who also won with the colt.
- Daley, 55, trained the 2011 winner of the Hambletonian, Broad Bahn. Daley is from Australia and worked for an airline before making his name in harness racing. He worked for trainer Brett Pelling before starting his own stable. Since then, Daley has won more than 2,500 races and \$59 million in purses. Daley's stable, based in central New Jersey, has earned more than \$1 million in purses in 21 of the past 22 years. He missed in 2014 by less than \$27,000.
- Among Daley's stars were three-time Dan Patch Award-winner Mr Musclemann, who was the 2005 Trotter of the Year, and two-time Dan Patch honoree My Little Dragon, a female pacer. In July, Mr Musclemann was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame. Since 2009, he has resided at the Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions.
- Patricia Stable (Harvey Fried), Joe Sbrocco, Mario Mazza, and Sortie Stable (Mirva Bogucki, Daley, and John Fodera) own Sortie. Sbrocco and Fodera (as a member of Modern Family Partners) were among the owners of My MVP, who was third in the 2012 Hambletonian and went on to win the Kentucky Futurity. Sbrocco also co-owned Mr Pine Chip, an elimination winner in 2006
- Sortie was bred by Pedigree Farm (Robert Burgess). Burgess was a co-owner of Amigo Hall, the 2003 Hambletonian winner, and Glidemaster, who took home the trophy in 2006.