

## Dream Together (Muscle Hill – Danae – Andover Hall)



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Dream Together followed Ariana G from third-over and also trotted a :27.3 final quarter in Saturday night's first elimination, finishing two lengths behind the winner. She was driven by Dan Dube for trainer Luc Blais and owner Determination (Serge Godin), all of whom are seeking their first Hambletonian Oaks champion.

Dream Together's sire Muscle Hill took the 2009 Hambletonian, and her dam Danae won the Hambletonian Oaks in 2007. Dream Together, who sold for \$240,000 at the 2015 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale, was bred by Fredericka Caldwell in partnership with Bluestone Farms Inc. (Mitchel Skolnick). Bluestone Farms and Caldwell owned the Caldwell-bred Bar Slide, the 2010 Hambletonian Oaks winner, and Caldwell also bred the great Moni Maker (1996 Oaks champion) and her dam Nan's Catch (1988 Oaks winner), owning the latter as well.

"I'm very happy to be in the final," said Blais. "I think she raced very good (in her elimination). That's a nice bunch of fillies. It was a tough division, and she stepped up, so that's good.

"I think if you see the program, that's what you see. She progressed very well. When you look at her lines, every start, she never made a bad race. I think she is better than last year. You can see she showed lots of talent, but this year she came back stronger and better."

This was Dream Together's first stakes engagement of the year after a 2-year-old season that saw her win the final of the Pure Ivory Series and a division of the Champlain Stakes, both at Mohawk Racetrack in Ontario. She has won five times from 11 career starts, banked \$99,324, and sports a speed badge of 1:55.