

- Huntsville was voted the 2016 Dan Patch Award for the sport's top freshman pacing colt.
- He won the elimination and final of the Breeders Crown at the Meadowlands. In that final, he established a Big M track record of 1:49.3 with his sixth consecutive win. He finished his rookie season finishing second to Downbytheseaside as the heavy favorite in the Governor's Cup at Woodbine.
- He won seven races and finished second four times in 11 starts, and earned a division leading \$689,814. His major victories came in the Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championship at Harrah's Philadelphia, divisions of the Bluegrass and International Stallion Stake [in a world record of 1:49] at The Red Mile and he also set a track record of 1:50 at The Meadows.
- "He's a big strong horse and he can take air, and he's very, very fast," said driver Tim Tetrick. He's had some steering issues, but other than that he's got all the attributes of a great horse. He's got tons of speed. I've never gotten him tired. He's been beaten, but never tired. Once you get him in high gear he can carry his speed a long way. When he's on his game he's very hard to catch."
- Ray Schnittker, 59, is from Buffalo, NY, and in 2016 passed 1,100 career wins and \$35 million in purse earnings. Since his career began in 1977, has won more than 2,700 races as a driver, has dominated the New York Sires Stakes circuit and enjoyed success at the sport's top level. Schnittker campaigned two-time Dan Patch Award winner Check Me Out, who became the richest trotting filly in history. He also captured the 2008 Hambletonian with Trotter of the Year Deweycheatumhowe.
- Schnittker worked alongside his father, Warren, as they campaigned a strong stable of claiming horses on the New York circuit in the 1980s. Schnittker's breakthrough at the Meadowlands came with Covert Action, who won the 1991 Presidential [paying a stakes record \$118]. Covert Action earned \$1,193,594 while racing from 1987 through 1995, winning 49 of his 251 starts. The pacer's success gave Schnittker the financial freedom to buy better quality horses.
- Schnittker shares a home in Middletown, NY with his wife, equine veterinarian Dr. Janet Durso. He credits Janet with playing a vital role in the stable's success, lending her expertise to both the daily care of the horses and in selecting yearlings to buy.
- Schnittker's only previous Pace starter was 2010 winner One More Laugh, who upset Horse of the Year Rock N Roll Heaven. He became just the sixth trainer to win both the Pace and Hambletonian, joining the elite company of Steve Elliot, Blair Burgess, William Haughton, Chuck Sylvester and Ray Remmen.
- Tim Tetrick, 35, continued to pile up career highlights in 2016, hitting 9,500 wins and moved into the all-time Top 5 with \$177 million in purse earnings. Tetrick also passed \$11 million for the tenth straight season, finished third in North America with \$12.3 million, and was second in the driver standings at The Meadowlands. He also won three straight Breeders Crowns, giving him a series record of 18 trophies before turning 35. The native of Illinois is the youngest to reach the Top 10 list of all-time leading money winners. Tetrick has been named Driver of the Year a record four times and owns seven straight money titles. He looks for his second Hambletonian this year with the current favorite Walner.

- Tim Tetrick has a strong record in the Meadowlands Pace, winning it four times in ten tries, and has missed a check only twice. “The Bionic Man” won it in his debut in 2007 with Southwind Lynx, in 2010 for Ray Schnittker with One More Laugh, in 2013 with two-time Pacer of the Year Captaintreacherous and set the all-time Pace record of 1:46.4 in 2014 with He’s Watching.
- Huntsville would join 2008 Pace champion Well Said as the only two to parlay a Breeders Crown win at two into a Pace trophy at three. Huntsville would become only the sixth Dan Patch Award winner at two to come back and win the Pace, joining He’s Watching, Captaintreacherous, Presidential Ball, Nihilator, Niatross and Sonsam.
- His super sire Somebeachsomewhere suffered his only career loss in 21 starts in the epic 2008 Meadowlands Pace, upset by Art Official in a world record of 1:47. Somebeachsomewhere, a son of the late 2002 Pace champion, was named 2008 Horse of the Year. He sired 2013 Pace winner Captaintreacherous from his first crop.
- Ray Schnittker goes to the national rodeo finals every year and claims Joe Beaver is the best calf roper, he’s from Huntsville, Texas, and that’s how the colt got his name.