



INTERNATIONAL MONI

Bay, C, 3 by Love You – Moni Maker by Speedy Crown

OWNER: Moni Maker Stable, Enfield, CT
BREEDER: Moni Maker Stable, CT
SALE INFO:
TRAINER: Frank Antonacci
DRIVER: Scott Zeron

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	3	3	0	0	\$110,065	1:52 M
2016	12	1	4	3	\$154,387	1:53.1 Lex
LIFETIME	15	4	4	3	\$264,452	3,1:52.1 Lex

- His last start was a resounding victory in a \$15,000 open for 3-year-olds at the Meadowlands on July 22 in a lifetime best 1:52. He won the Goodtimes Stakes final on June 17, but suffered a bout of colic in early July that forced him to miss the Stanley Dancer Memorial, expected to be the colt's final Hambletonian prep, at the Meadowlands on July 15. He rebounded with the facile open triumph.
- The colt, who has yet to taste defeat this year, is by French stallion Love and out of two-time Horse of the Year Moni Maker, who passed away in 2014.
- International Moni will leave from post position five in the first of two eliminations and is the 5-2 morning line favorite.
- "This horse means so much to them, he's such a global horse," driver Scott Zeron said about the Antonaccis, who own and bred the colt. The Moni Maker Stable, consists trainer Frank Antonacci, his father, also Frank, Gerald Antonacci, and David Reid.
- The Antonacci family and/or its Lindy Racing have been involved in the ownership of five Hambletonian winners: Lindy's Pride (1969), Speedy Crown (1971), Probe (1989), Harmonious (1990) and Victory Dream (1994).
- International Moni is conditioner Antonacci's fifth Hambletonian contestant. He finished second with Crazed, his first entrant in 2008, but his other three starters Airzoom Lindy (2009), Lindys Jersey Boy (2012) and Appomattox (2012) all broke stride in the final.

- Antonacci also sends out Shake It Off Lindy, in the second Hambletonian elimination. Shake It Off Lindy and driver Brett Miller will start from post four and are 20-1 on the morning line.
- "It's nice to be in the middle of the pack," Antonacci said of the colt's post position. "I think we're in a good spot. He's a really handy horse, so whatever Scott is going to want to do he's going to be able to do from there, which is nice. He's just a really, really good horse, hopefully on his way to being a great horse. The great ones, and the very good ones, they overcome adversity. He did that. I think that bodes well for his future."
- As a 2-year-old, the colt only visited the winner's circle on one occasion, as he captured a \$56,000 division of the International Stallion Stake on October 6 at The Red Mile. He was also third in a \$52,500 division of the Bluegrass Stake over the same oval, second in the \$298,980 Valley Victory, and third in the \$266,000 William Wellwood Memorial.
- Zeron, 28, won last year's Hambletonian, and eventually the Trotting Triple Crown, with Marion Marauder. He is attempting to become the first driver to win the Hambletonian in consecutive years since John Campbell in 1987-88. Mack Lobell (1987) Armbro Goal (1988).
- "I'm racing for them (the Antonaccis) and they've been so good to me over the years. I love driving for them and this means a lot to them," Zeron said.
- Marion Marauder was the ninth Trotting Triple Crown winner and was named Trotter of the Year.
- The then 27-year-old Zeron was the second-youngest driver to win the Hambletonian and youngest driver to win a harness racing Triple Crown, either trotting or pacing.
- Zeron was born in Montreal and made a name for himself in Ontario, twice leading all Canadian drivers in wins (2010 and 2011) before relocating to the U.S. near the end of 2013. In 2012, he received the Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association.
- Last year, Zeron set a career high with \$8.91 million in purses. He also won his first Meadowlands driving title.
- In addition to his success with Marion Marauder, Zeron won his first Breeders Crown with 3-year-old female pacer Call Me Queen Be. He also guided Shamballa, trained by his father Rick, to an upset of win over Wiggle It Jiggleit and Always B Miki in the U.S. Pacing Championship on Hambletonian Day.
- For his career, Zeron has won more than 3,200 races and \$55 million in purses.
- Zeron is the son of well-known trainer/driver Rick Zeron, who has twice won Canada's O'Brien Award for Horsemanship (2010 and 2016).



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OWNER: Determination, Montreal, QC
BREEDER: Joyce & Richard McClelland, OH
SALE INFO: Standardbred Horse Sale \$100,000
TRAINER: Luc Blais
DRIVER: Daniel Dube

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	5	1	2	1	\$18,248	Q1:54.4 Moh
2016	10	2	2	4	\$157,065	1:55.4 Lex
LIFETIME	15	3	4	5	\$175,313	3,Q,1:54.4 Moh

Luc Blais, a native of Lochaber Ouest, Quebec and who is seeking his first Hambletonian champion, is coming off a solid year in which he ranked fifth in Canada's trainer earnings with \$1.78 million.

The 55-year-old Blais had worked with a number of stakes winners at Yves Filion's Bayama Farms in Quebec before starting his own stable. His best-known recent successes include two-time O'Brien Award-winning trotter and millionaire Intimidate and Ontario Sire Stakes champion trotter Emoticon Hanover.

The recently retired Intimidate is responsible for Blais's personal highlight, when he was supplemented to the Breeders Crown and powered past Hambletonian Market Share to grab the \$500,000 final.

Dube's last drive in a Hambo heat was with Workout Wonder in 2015, finishing sixth. Dube did drive Make It Happen to a third-place Hambo final finish in 2008.

"He raced good the last time out and I think he will be alright coming from the outside post, Dube said via phone call Wednesday. "I can do whatever I want with him. In these eliminations, you need a little bit of racing luck to make the final. We just have to get there."

Dube finished second with Jake in a \$15,000 race back on July 29th.

"This is the best race. I can't explain it. For us to get to the final and have a chance to win, it would mean a lot to me and a dream come true," Dube said.

Determination Stable is Serge Godin of Westmount, Quebec. Godin founded CGI Group, a Canadian global information technology company, in 1976, and remains its executive chairman. Outside CGI, Godin has endowed a family foundation focused on poverty reduction and also owns a Westmount, Que., horse-racing stable called Determination. In 2016 he was elevated from a member of the Order of Canada to an officer.

Breeders Joyce and Richard McClelland were co-owners on 2015 Hambo winner Pinkman. Long-time owners and breeders, Joyce McClelland also owned the great 1987 Breeders Crown champion Call For Rain. Sire Muscle Hill won the 2009 Hambo and sired 2014 winner Trixtion and 2016 winner Marion Marauder.