

LIVE LAUGH LOVE (Donato Hanover – Shes Gone Again – SJ’s Caviar)



Owners: Melvin Hartman, David Mc Duffee, Diamond Creek Racing

Trainer: Richard “Nifty” Norman

Driver: David Miller

Purchase: \$90,000 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale

Finishing second in her Hambletonian Oaks elimination (to **Phaetosive**), Live Laugh Love owns six wins on her 16 race record, most of which came at three in divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. She raced eight times at two, winning only a division of PASS at Harrah’s Philadelphia. She was also second in a division of the International Stallion Stakes and broke in both the Jim Doherty Memorial elimination and Breeders Crown eliminations.

“It was mostly mental,” trainer Richard “Nifty” Norman said of her gait troubles at two. “I think she just took some time to work things out. She would get a little tired at the end of her miles last year and try to switch to a pace or things like that. I think this year she is just a little bit stronger, a little bit smarter. She was always hot, and now she’s a lot more relaxed. I just think she’s grown up.”

The “Nifty” Norman trainee has won five times this season, starting the year on a three-race win streak. She took a lifetime mark of 1:53.1 at Harrah’s Philadelphia in the middle of one of the biggest heat waves ever to hit the east coast. The time was also one-fifth faster than **Phaetosive** trotted on the same day.

Sitting a pocket trip, **Live Laugh Love** finished third, three lengths away, in the 1:49.4 world-record mile trotted by **Plunge Blue Chip** to beat **Manchego** in the \$128,500 Del Miller Memorial.

“I thought she was really good,” Norman said after the elimination. “That’s a great group of fillies. We’re probably a little bit overmatched, but she’s very honest and I’ll be happy to knock out a top three or four (finish). That would be great.

“If things go a little crazy out there she can pick up some pieces,” Norman also said. “Leaving the gate and being up close to the speed is not really her go. I think she is better coming from off the pace, but these days you can’t win a race doing that. You’ve got to be close to the pace all the time. If things go crazy and they go crazy fractions, she could be there. Otherwise, if it’s just a normal horserace like most of them are, it’s going to be tough to beat either **Phaetosive** or **Manchego**.”

Trainer “Nifty” Norman finished second in the 2017 Hambletonian Oaks with Magic Presto (to Ariana G). He has trained two winners of the Hambletonian Oaks: Personal Style (2012) and Bee A Magician (2013). Driver David Miller sat behind Personal Style in her Oaks win and tries for his second victory in the Oaks. Owner Melvin Hartman also owned parts of Personal Style and Bee A Magician and goes for his third win in the Oaks while David Mc Duffee (partner on Bee A Magician) tries for his second.