



# Met's Hall

Bay colt, 3 by Cantab Hall – Met's Inn by Mutineer

**OWNER:** Stroy Inc. (Natalia Stroy), Millstone Township, NJ; Andy Miller Stable Inc., Millstone Township, NJ  
**BREEDER:** Winbak Farm, MD  
**SALE INFO:** Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg \$132,000  
**TRAINER:** Julie Miller  
**DRIVER:** Andy Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	3	1	0	1	\$44,773	1:53 M
2017	11	5	3	1	\$267,135	1:52.4 M
LIFETIME	14	6	3	2	\$311,908	1:52.4 M

- Met's Hall is from the stable of "Team Orange Crush," which is trainer Julie Miller and her husband, driver Andy Miller. The colt was slow to return to the races for his 3-year-old season, not making his debut until July 14. He qualified three times prior to that race, twice in June and once in July.
- "It's been challenging," trainer Julie Miller said. "He had a lot of health issues starting out the year that made my job difficult. But hopefully it's coming together at the right time. I'm very fortunate that Natalia Stroy has been patient with me and the horse.
- "We'll just point him toward next week and hope all our efforts pay off. We're going to need a lot of luck, too.
- Met's Hall was a stakes-winner in 2017, with his victories including a division of the International Stallion Stakes at Red Mile, where he trotted a career-best 1:52.4.
- He followed that win with a second-place finish behind Fourth Dimension in a track-record 1:54 mile in their Breeders Crown elimination at Hoosier Park and a week later was second to Fiftydallarbill in the \$600,000 final.
- Met's Hall also won the \$50,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes consolation and divisions of the Kindergarten Series, Pennsylvania All-Stars, and Pennsylvania Sire Stakes.
- This year, Met's Hall qualified three times before making his seasonal debut on July 14 in a division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial at the Meadowlands, where he finished fourth.
- His next start resulted in a third-place finish in the Arthur Tompkins Memorial at the Big M before notching his first win of the year in a division of last weekend's Reynolds Memorial. He won in 1:53 with a :26.4 final quarter and :55.2 back half after a :57.3 first half.
- "Off that slow half, I thought it was a good back half," Miller said. "When Andy had to kind of check him in the lane he was real handy there.
- "Every time Andy gets off the bike, after each qualifier, after each race, he says I'm getting there. Now if I can just shed three seconds in the next week," she added with a laugh.

- “We’ll see. It’s a wide open group of 3-year-old trotting colts. Six Pack is probably the best, but with Atlanta in there it makes a big story for the sport and for her.
- Andy Miller, 49, drove 2008 Hambletonian Oaks winner Creamy Mimi for trainer Trond Smedshammer.
- Miller has driven horses to consecutive top-three finishes in the Hambletonian, with Devious Man third-placed-second in 2017 and Sutton third, beaten only a neck, in 2016. Both horses were trained by Miller’s wife, Julie.
- Devious Man won the Earl Beal Jr. Memorial and banked \$1 million in 2017. Other top horses for Miller were stakes-winners Overdraft Volo, Seviyorum, Met’s Hall, and Hayden Hanover.
- Miller, who grew up in an Amish community in Illinois, started driving at the age of 16 on the Illinois fair circuit. He was a top driver in Chicago before moving to the East Coast in 2006.
- Andy and Julie were married in 1996 and started their harness racing stable the same year.
- Miller got career win No. 9,000 on June 28 at Harrah’s Philadelphia and ranks 22nd in victories among all drivers in history. He has earned \$118 million in purses, a total that is 14th best in history.
- He has twice represented the U.S. in the World Driving Championship, finishing fourth in 2005 and sixth in 2007.
- Miller’s brother, Erv, is one of the sport’s top trainers. The brothers teamed up in 2004 to win their first Breeders Crown trophy with 2-year-old female pacer Restive Hanover.
- In 2009, Miller teamed with wife Julie to win a Breeders Crown with Lucky Jim in the Open Trot at the Meadowlands.
- The Millers’ 20-year-old son Tyler, also known as T.J., got his first driving win June 8 in an amateur race at the Meadowlands.
- Julie Miller’s stable last year included millionaire trotter Devious Man and Yonkers Trot champion Top Flight Angel, who helped the Iowa native set her career high for purses with \$4.67 million, a total that ranked fifth among all trainers in North America, while posting a 22-percent win rate.
- Another highlight in 2017 was Miller’s induction into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame, where she joined her father, Owen Julius. Miller grew up in Iowa, where her family raced at the county fairs. Miller graduated from Southern Illinois University with a science degree, but turned her attention to racing.
- After beginning her career in Illinois, Miller moved with her husband, driver Andy Miller, to the East Coast and became a nationally recognized trainer at the Meadowlands and on the Grand Circuit. She has won more than 1,700 races and her horses have earned \$36 million in purses.
- Miller’s most memorable Hambletonian Day to date came in 2009 when Dan Patch Award-winning trotter Lucky Jim, driven by Andy, won the Nat Ray (now Cashman Memorial) in a then-world-record-equaling 1:50.1 at the Meadowlands.