

Seviyorum (Donato Hanover-Armbro Domino-Self Possessed)



Seviyorum claimed the last spot in the Hambletonian Oaks from the first elimination, rallying off cover to finish fifth. She trotted her mile in 1:52.2 (27.1 final quarter) and was six lengths behind Manchego at the wire.

Seviyorum, who has four victories, six seconds, and two thirds from 17 starts, has one victory this year, which came in a Pennsylvania Sire Stakes division at Harrah's Philadelphia. She stopped the clock in 1:53.1 in that race, and that stands as her lifetime mark. Last year she won two Pennsylvania Sire Stakes legs, a Grand Circuit event at The Red Mile, and was second to Manchego in the Breeders Crown 2-Year-Old Filly Trot final. She has career earnings of \$334,322.

"We took our time and brought her back slowly," said trainer Julie Miller. "She's kind of drawn poorly; she drew the nine in the Breeders Crown, she drew eight in the Goldsmith Maid, she drew nine here (in her elimination).

"Next week I think we're going to have to rock out of there, pull the guns out of the holster, and be a little more aggressive. It's just such a deep field. These fillies are tough cookies. We're just hoping for a better draw and getting a piece of it next week. She's due for a good draw. I think she has some ability and talent, I just don't think we've had a chance to show it. We need a lot of luck, but I believe in my team. Hopefully we can get there."

Breeding Notes

Seviyorum is by Donato Hanover, who won his elimination and the final of the 2007 Hambletonian. Her dam, the Self Possessed mare Armbro Domino, didn't participate in the Hambletonian Oaks, but was second in the six-figure Elegantimage Stakes final at Woodbine in 2006. Seviyorum was bred by co-owner Stroy Inc., who has not won a Hambletonian Oaks previously.

Driver – Andy Miller

Born: 9/7/1968 – Birthplace: Mattoon, IL – Resides: Millstone Township, NJ

Andy Miller, 49, drove 2008 Hambletonian Oaks winner Creamy Mimi for trainer Trond Smedshammer.

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 Miller 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.

Trainer – Julie Miller

Born: 11/20/1972 – Birthplace: Iowa City, IA – Resides: Millstone Township, NJ

Julie Miller is looking for her initial Hambletonian Oaks triumph. She finished second, third, and 11th in the 2014 edition of the race, fourth and sixth in 2015, and eighth in 2009.

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.

Owners – Stroy Inc. and Andy Miller Stable Inc.

Natalia Stroy, based in Russia, also bred Seviyorum. Stroy was sixth with the Julie Miller-trained Lady Winona in the 2015 Hambletonian Oaks. Seviyorum would be her first Hambletonian Oaks champion, same for the ownership of Andy Miller.