



Zephyr Kronos

Bay colt, 3 by Ready Cash – Orange Kronos by Yankee Glide

OWNER: Al Libfeld, Pickering, ON; Marvin Katz, Toronto, ON; Perry Soderberg, Kresgeville, PA; Christina Takter, East Windsor, NJ
BREEDER: Allevamento Kronos Srl, Italy
SALE INFO: NA
TRAINER: Jimmy Takter
DRIVER: Jimmy Takter

YEAR	STARTS	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	9	4	2	1	\$62,228	1:53 M
2017	2	0	0	0	\$0	Q1:58 M
LIFETIME	11	4	2	1	\$62,228	1:53 M

- Zephyr Kronos is a son of Ready Cash, a two-time winner of the Prix d’Amerique and the sire of European stars Bold Eagle and Ready Express.
- The colt raced twice at age 2 and went off stride both times.
- Trainer Jimmy Takter kept Zephyr Kronos away from stakes competition in his first seven races this year, competing in conditioned classes at the Meadowlands. Zephyr Kronos responded with four wins, including a career-best 1:53 score on June 22, and two seconds.
- Since testing the stakes waters, Zephyr Kronos finished third in his division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial on July 14 at the Meadowlands, behind stablemate Wolfgang and Classichap, and second by a neck to Helpisontheway in the Arthur Tompkins Memorial on July 21.
- “He’s been a project, but I like the program we’ve set for him,” Takter said. “I did not leave the Meadowlands. I was going to sit there and milk him in the (conditioned) class. He was so dirt scared in the beginning, I lost 10 lengths the first quarter and he made it up the last half (closing with a :26.1 quarter to win by a nose in his 2018 debut).
- “The last start I had the eight post and I half left with him and I thought he raced a really good mile. It was raining and he was outside the whole entire mile and got beat by a horse that’s a pretty good horse. The horse is coming in as good as I can have him. He’s a strong horse. He hasn’t really been down to the speed that it’s possible he’ll have to go, but he trotted :54.2 last half so I know he has the speed. He’s kind of an interesting horse.”
- Zephyr Kronos is one of four Takter entries in the Hambletonian, with Tactical Landing, Wolfgang, and You Know You Do. Wolfgang, undefeated in three races this year, is the morning-line favorite in his elimination. Takter also has the morning-line chalk, Manchego, in Saturday’s \$500,000 Hambletonian Oaks.
- Jimmy Takter, 57, has trained the winner of the Hambletonian four times and the Hambletonian Oaks a record seven times, including the four most recent editions.

- Takter is tied with Chuck Sylvester for the second-most training wins in the Hambletonian. Billy Haughton, Stanley Dancer and Ben White share the record of five. Takter won the Hambletonian in 1997 with Malabar Man, 2010 with Muscle Massive, 2014 with Trixton, and 2015 with Pinkman.
- He has one Hambletonian win as a driver, with Trixton.
- Hambletonian Oaks winners for Takter were Gleam in 1994, Southwind Allaire in 2003, Passionate Glide in 2006, Lifetime Pursuit in 2014, Wild Honey in 2015, All The Time in 2016, and Ariana G in 2017.
- Takter is the only trainer to ever twice sweep the Hambletonian and Hambletonian Oaks on the same day. Jan Johnson accomplished the feat once, in 1988.
- Malabar Man was the first of three Takter-trained horses named Horse of the Year. Malabar Man received the honor in 1997 and was followed by two-time recipient Moni Maker in 1998 and 1999. Moni Maker, a female trotter who won races in North America and Europe, retired in 2000 as the richest harness racing horse in history, with \$5.58 million in purses. Male pacer Always B Miki, who in 2016 became the fastest horse in harness racing history when he won in 1:46 at Lexington's Red Mile, was named 2016 Horse of the Year.
- Takter and Stanley Dancer are the only trainers with at least three different Horse of the Year winners. In addition, Takter is the fifth trainer to have both a pacer and trotter receive Horse of the Year honors. He joined Dancer, Blair Burgess, Billy Haughton, and Clint Hodgins in that group.
- A native of Sweden, Takter could have enjoyed a comfortable career there, where his father, Bo, was already established as one of the sport's top trainers. But after getting a taste of racing in the U.S. as a teenager during a 10-month stint with the powerful Continental Farms Stable, Takter decided at the age of 22 to make his home in the States for good. He became a U.S. citizen in 2000.
- Takter has been named Trainer of the Year by the U.S. Harness Writers Association a record six times: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2010, 2000 and 1996.
- His horses have earned more than \$123 million in purses, the second-highest total for a trainer in history, trailing only Ron Burke. He has won more than 2,000 races as a trainer and more than 800 as a driver.
- In 2012, Takter was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y.
- Al Libfeld and Marvin Katz have been Canada's Breeder of the Year for the past three years and also received the honor in 2016 in the U.S.
- Perry Soderberg is a bloodstock agent who has served as Takter's yearling evaluator since 1998.
- Christina Takter, Jimmy's wife, handles the business side of the Takter Stable and has long been one of the sport's top owners.