



Lawmaker

Brown colt, 3 by Muscle Massive – Pretty Amigo by Amigo Hall

OWNER: Thestable Lawmaker Group, Guelph, ON, CA
BREEDERS: Pedigree Farms, ON, CA
SALE INFO: Lexington Select Yearling Sale, KY \$20,000
TRAINER: Andrew Harris
DRIVER: David Miller

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3 RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2018	6	1	1	2	\$84,074	1:53.3 M
2017	8	2	3	2	\$160,251	1:56 F
LIFETIME	14	3	4	4	\$244,325	1:53.3 M

- Lawmaker competes for the fractional ownership group TheStable, which is in its third year of operation. Run by Anthony MacDonald, Lawmaker was part of the first wave of horses purchased by TheStable and is its first starter in the Hambletonian. MacDonald has traveled across both America and Canada to drive horses for his ownership group but weather prevented him from driving Lawmaker in his prep on July 27. With David Miller picking up the drive, Anthony ultimately sacrificed his chance to race in his first Hambletonian in exchange for giving newly-minted Hall of Famer Dave Miller the drive.
- “As you can imagine, this was a very difficult decision for me, growing up watching the Hambletonian and dreaming of the day I got *my shot*,” MacDonald said in a statement announcing Miller picked up the drive. “As a driver, I want to be the one on the gate next Saturday, but as the co-owner of thestable.ca I have a much bigger responsibility to a huge group of people.
- “I could make a case to drive Lawmaker, but I made a very public promise to current and future clients of thestable.ca to always try to do what’s best for the horse and our clients no matter the circumstances. Allowing Dave Miller to watch the Hambletonian from the drivers’ room in order to chase my dream on other people’s dime runs contrary to what thestable.ca stands for. Driving horses full-time isn’t my life any longer. Attempting to better horse racing and building a blueprint for success moving forward is what matters most.”
- Lawmaker was the first star for TheStable, earning \$160,000 as a freshman thanks to a second-place finish in the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sires Stakes Championship alongside several wins and on-the-board finishes in divisions of Pennsylvania Sires Stakes. He’s grabbed more checks finishing in minor spots on the major stage, finishing fifth in the \$202,160 Goodtimes Trot and third in the \$500,000 Earl Beal Jr. Memorial. He made an uncharacteristic break in his first start after the Beal, on July 20, at Harrah’s Philadelphia but rebounded with a 1:53.3 mile in the slop at the Meadowlands.
- “He’s doing really good,” trainer Andrew Harris said. “He came out of his last race really good. I think he’s come full circle. He had a bit of a rough year starting out, he had some issues that needed to be worked on, but he finally got over those and all signs are pointing upwards. He is getting better and better every start. He was really good in the Beal, I was very happy with him in the Beal final.
- “I think he’s a really, really nice horse. Whether he’s an Atlanta or a Wolfgang or any of those type horses, I don’t know yet. He’s proved he’s worth giving a shot to.

- “It doesn’t matter what elimination you’re in, they’re both tough. There are a lot of good trotters in there and it’s going to take big speed to get it done. They showed you’re going to have to go in (1):50 or maybe even (1):49 to get it done. You have to have that speed to go, but the Meadowlands is so fast that it seems like the all seem to get to that speed. So it’s how you do it. Hopefully we can get in the right place at the right time and it works out at the end. It’s hard to look at those (eliminations) because each horse you can make a case for.”
- Harris has housed and handled Lawmaker when racing stateside. Harris, a former assistant to star Canadian trainer Casie Coleman, makes his second appearance in the Hambletonian, finishing fourth in 2016 with Waitlifter K (to Marion Marauder). Harris followed his father, Jack, and grandfather, Ron, into the sport.
- Driver David Miller, inducted to the Hall of Fame in 2014, has driven in the Hambletonian 12 times since debuting in 2003 with Malabar Millennium. Miller came close to winning his first Hambletonian in 2017 with What The Hill, but a disqualification due to interference led him to be disqualified from first to ninth, giving Perfect Spirit the victory. He will be trying to qualify for his 13th Hambletonian final and go for his first win.
- Miller, 53, won the 2012 Hambletonian Oaks with Personal Style. Miller had third-place Hambletonian finishes in 2015 with Uncle Lasse and 2013 with Corky.
- What The Hill and Miller came back to win the Canadian Trotting Classic, Breeders Crown, and TVG Series championship, where he defeated older horses. Other top wins for Miller in 2017 came with Fear The Dragon in the North America Cup and Adios and Mach It So in the William R. Haughton Memorial.
- On July 14, Miller won his first Meadowlands Pace with Courtly Choice.
- The Hall of Fame driver ranks No. 2 all time in purses, with \$226 million, and has finished among the top five in earnings 18 of the past 19 years. He holds the record for most \$10-million seasons, with 15.
- Miller is No. 5 all-time in wins, with more than 12,400.
- He was the U.S. Harness Writers Association’s Driver of the Year in 2016, 2015 and 2003.
- In 2003, Miller led the sport in purses and drove No Pan Intended to the Pacing Triple Crown and Horse of the Year honors. In 2016, Miller was the driver of Horse of the Year Award winner Always B Miki, who paced the fastest mile in harness racing history when he won in 1:46 at Lexington’s Red Mile.
- In 2015, Miller set a record with five Breeders Crown wins in a single year.
- Miller, who received the 1993 Rising Star Award from the U.S. Harness Writers Association, was already a standout in his native Ohio when he headed to the East Coast in the late 1990s. He captured multiple driving titles at the Meadowlands Racetrack in the early 2000s and has been a force on the Grand Circuit ever since he made the move.
- He was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y., in 2014.