

Little Miss Blue Bonnet



The Hambletonian Stakes is a major American harness race for trotting standardbreds held each August at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, New Jersey. It wasn't *always* for standardbreds, however. In 1929, the third year of the race, Dinklaker Racing Stables entered Little Miss Blue Bonnet, a goat-a-bred, and the speedy ruminant – piloted by a young but capable Bill Shoemaker – easily won by eight lengths. Appalled track stewards immediately banned goats and their kinfolk from future races. Which is a shame, really.