

Santafe's Coach



Bay Colt 3, by Bettor's Delight – Thesantafe Express – Western Hanover

OWNERS: Edward P. De Rosa, Carlsbad, CA, Matthew J. Iovaldi, Eureka, MO, Ralph Woythaler, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
BREEDER: Edward P. De Rosa, CA
SALE: Homebred
TRAINER: Leo Iordan **DRIVER:** Corey Callahan

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2017	10	4	2	2	\$51,680	1:51.1F
2016	3	0	1	0	\$5,330	
LIFETIME	13	4	3	2	\$57,010	1:51.1F

- Santafe's Coach left from post six and rallied for third with a :26.2 final quarter at more than 50-1 in the Pace Elimination. For the final, he drew post eight, which is six for 40 [15%] in Pace Finals.
- Trainer Leo Iordan like his horse's elimination, "Corey did a fantastic job. They weren't really going anywhere, shot the rail saved all the ground. With Huntsville on the front you know they are going to fly home. Hit the half in :55 in a piece, basically like a qualifier for him. He showed a lot of pace down the lane and couldn't be happier. For the final it all depends on the trip."
- "It was one of the most spectacular moments of my life, just unbelievable and words cannot really express watching him," said co-owner and breeder Edward De Rosa after the colt's upset in his Hempt elimination. "However, none of us thought it was stunning he won. He is very lightly raced, but we knew he had the talent and the heart to pace with these types of horses. His desire is what makes him very special because he really wants to win and that is a trait you cannot breed into them. Last spring he got a hind leg stuck in the back gate of his stall and popped a splint. So we gave him the time to heal from that and took all the precautions necessary to not rush him along. He only had three starts last year and then this year we got him ready with the mindset that he would go up against these powerhouse horses like Fear The Dragon and Downbytheseaside. He deserves the opportunity to show himself."
- He pulled a 22-1 upset in a Hempt elimination in a career best of 1:51.1 on June 24 and finished seventh in that final.
- Santafe's Coach has progressed quickly and kicked off his sophomore season scoring his first two wins in 1:53.2 on April 23 and 1:53 on May 1 at Pocono Downs. He also won a division of The Stallion Series in 1:53.1 on May 22.

- "This horse's story begins with having such a nice mare," De Rosa said. "She is by Western Hanover and made more than \$100,000 (\$112,010). She did well for us in her racing career, in fact she was fifth in her Breeders Crown elimination to Put On A Show, but she didn't make the final because Casie Coleman had a horse in the other elimination that made more money than her. However, we were so proud of her, Put On A Show was just a monster out there and towered over the other horses. We were just thrilled she paced in 1:51.4 and kept up with a horse of that caliber. We took care of her with the intention of breeding her and this colt is a second foal. Her first one is a 4-year-old gelding by Four Starzzz Shark (Santafe's Prince) and we had a younger Rock N Roll Heaven sister to those two, but we ended up losing her."
- Santafe's Coach made only three starts as a freshman in 2016 and his first qualifier didn't come until September 28, and was scratched sick from a scheduled start on October 30.
- "We don't have a big stable and this is our only horse racing really, but he is staked to everything," De Rosa said. "We are really excited about what this year will bring as our trainer does an unbelievable job and Anthony (Napolitano) fit him like a glove. We really feel his desire to win and his speed will make him competitive with the top class horses. This [June 24] was his first time going up against them and it was so incredibly special to see him win. I live in California and stayed out here for the week to watch him. All of us had a bunch of family and friends with more than 20 people in the winner's circle for him and they probably were ready to kick us out because we spent so much time there just savoring the moment. We are hoping to be in the winner's circle with him many more times over his career and are thrilled to be part of this Saturday night. It really is a dream come true for all of us."
- Trainer Leo Jordan, 53, is from East Orange, NJ, and he is making his Pace debut.
- Corey Callahan drove Santafe's Coach for the first time in the elimination. Callahan has won more than 5,300 races and \$74 million in purses. He is currently the second leading driver at the Meadowlands and ranks sixth among the top money winning drivers in the sport this season. This is Callahan's fifth pace Final. His best finish was a second in 2015 with Dude's The Man, who won that year's Adios.
- Callahan first cracked the Top 10 at the meadowlands in 2012, and he remained a nightly force during the 2015-16 meet, recording his second straight sixth-place finish with 69 wins and \$1.2 million in purses. In addition, Callahan wrapped up his seventh of eight straight driving titles at Dover Downs and ranked among the sport's top ten money winning drivers, passing the \$6 million mark for the sixth consecutive season in 2016. He captured his 5,000 career win and passed the \$70 million mark in purse earnings.
- The 39-year-old from Easton Maryland is the son of noted horseman Nick Callahan. Corey went from a guy who didn't even want to jog his own father's horses, to one of the top drivers on the Eastern Seaboard. The graduate of the University of Kentucky where he played hockey, Callahan traded in a corporate suit and started driving at the age of 27.

Callahan represented the United States in the 25th World Driving Championship in 2011 and finished second.

- Bettor's Delight, the sire of Santafe's Coach, finished second to Life Sign in the 2001 Meadowlands Pace and is looking to sire his first Pace winner.