

# July 18, 1980

## NIATROSS OVERCOMES CONTROVERSY DECISIVELY

The victory by Niatross in the 1980 Meadowlands Pace was swift — 1:53.1 —and decisive [four and a half lengths], but it was not without its mystery.

Only a week earlier, the legendary colt, who had a perfect 13 for 13 record at two, had suffered only his second career loss when he broke stride in the second of three eliminations for the Pace. In what many consider to be his most impressive and courageous race, Niatross regained his composure, hit the pace and managed to finish fourth, just qualifying for the final.

The miscue followed his race two weeks prior at Saratoga where he had fallen over the hubrail.

While there were some doubters and the pressure mounted on trainer-driver and co-owner Clint Galbraith, the colt showed his grit in his victory in the final and went on to Horse of the Year honors for the second consecutive year with 24 wins in 26 starts.

Entrymates Storm Damage [Bill Haughton] and Tyler B [Bill Herman], finished second and third, respectively.

When Niatross' son, Nihilator, won the 1985 edition, they became the only father-son duo to capture the rich [first million-dollar race] and prestigious Meadowlands Pace.

Niatross would never lose another race and went on to win Pacing's Triple Crown.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/11/80 - 1:55

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Storm Damage	William Haughton	Jerry Smith
2 Alberton	John Kopas	Jack Kopas
3 Dear Star	Shelly Goudreau	Garnsey/Warner
4 Maple Fritz	Larry Remmen	Remmen/Remmen

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/11/80 - 1:54<sup>4</sup>

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Bruce Gimble	Glen Garnsey	Garnsey/Warner
2 Gime Getme	Bill Popfinger	Popfinger/Wiloughby
3 Fundamentalist	Gene Riegler	Gene Riegler
4 Niatross	Clint Galbraith	Clint Galbraith

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/11/80 - 1:55<sup>1</sup>

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Tyler B	Bill Herman	Delvin Miller
2 Secret Service	Ben Webster	J. Vance
3 Midas Almahurst	Lew Williams	Sal Gati
4 Worthy Signal	Robert Vitrano	Robert Vitrano

### CONSOLATION - 7/18/80 - 1:55<sup>1</sup>

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Safe Arrival	Herve Filion	Pete Seaman
2 Philabuster	Norm Dauplaise	Dauplaise/Poulin
3 Flash Almahurst	George Sholty	Sholty/Levy

### \$1,011,000 FINAL - 7/18/80 - 1:53<sup>1</sup>

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Niatross	Clint Galbraith	Clint Galbraith
2 Storm Damage	William Haughton	Jerry Smith
3 Tyler B	Bill Herman	Delvin Miller

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RACE 6	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL	PURSE \$1,101,000	Quarter times 27 <sup>3</sup> , 55 <sup>1</sup> , 1:24 <sup>2</sup> , 1:53 <sup>1</sup>	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:25								
6 Niatross	8	5 <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>o</sup>	1	1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:53 <sup>1</sup>	C. Galbraith	Mutuels	(6)	2.80	2.20	2.60	*.40
1a Storm Damage	5	3 <sup>o</sup>	2 <sup>o</sup>	3	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:54	W. Haughton		(1a)		2.20	2.40	e2.10
1 Tyler B	1	1	3	5	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1:54 <sup>3</sup>	W. Herman		(1)			2.40	e2.10
4 Fundamentalist	4	8	8	8 <sup>o</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:55	G. Riegler						69.70
1b Bruce Gimble	6	9	9	9	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5 <sup>nk</sup>	1:55 <sup>1</sup>	G. Garnsey						e2.10
9 Secret Service	11	2	4	2 <sup>o</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	6 <sup>hd</sup>	1:55 <sup>2</sup>	B. Webster						13.40
5 Alberton	7	11	12	12	9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	7 <sup>ns</sup>	1:55 <sup>2</sup>	J. Kopas						42.90
10 Dear Star	12	7	7	6 <sup>o</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:55 <sup>2</sup>	S. Goudreau						75.60
7 Maple Fritz	9	10 <sup>o</sup>	10 <sup>o</sup>	11	10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:55 <sup>3</sup>	R. Remmen						86.90
2 Midas Almahurst	2	4	5	7 <sup>o</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:56	L. Williams						43.70
3 Gime Getme	3	6	6	4 <sup>o</sup>	11 <sup>3</sup>	11 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1:56 <sup>3</sup>	W. Popfinger						17.80
8 Worthy Signal	10	12	11 <sup>o</sup>	10 <sup>o</sup>	12	12	1:58 <sup>3</sup>	R. Vitrano	Exacta	(6-1)		4.20		94.10

Winning Owners: Niatross Stable, Niagara Acres & Clint Galbraith

Winning Trainer: Clint Galbraith