

July 15, 1983

"RALPH" WINS PACE & TRIPLE CROWN

Ralph Hanover was in the midst of what would be his Triple Crown season when he won his Meadowlands Pace elimination and moved into the \$1.2 million final as the slight favorite.

There were four eliminations and the fastest of them went to 20-1 longshot Umbrella Fella in 1:54.3. Other elim winners were Jo Nathan and Ralph Hanover, both in 1:55.1 and Salute Hanover in 1:57.4.

Laughing Man, who had won the New Faces Final, was attempting to come back from an injury. He could only muster

a seventh-place finish.

Ralph Hanover was installed as the slight betting choice, and he turned in a length and a quarter victory over Umbrella Fella, driven by John Campbell, in 1:54.1. Ron Waples drove Ralph Hanover for trainer Stew Firlotte.

Despite his dominant three-year-old campaign, Ralph Hanover lost out to Cam Fella for Horse of the Year honors. The Poinsetta Farms had to settle with the elite Triple Crown title, the rich Meadowlands Pace and a single season record of \$1.7 million in earnings.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/8/83 - 1:55¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Jo Nathan	Buddy Gilmour	McKinney Lawhon
2 Rashad	Bill Popfinger	Popfinger/Collett
3 Laughing Man	Ray Remmen	Remmen/MacDonald

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/8/83 - 1:55¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Ralph Hanover	Ron Waples	Stew Firlotte
2 Power Bunny	John Campbell	Luca Derrico
3 Time To Cash	Bill O'Donnell	Ray Flis

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/8/83 - 1:54³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Umbrella Fella	John Campbell	Garnsey/Hafford
2 Thurston Hanover	Chris Boring	Chris Boring
3 Crosscurrent	Cat Manzi	Silverman/Loewe

4TH ELIMINATION - 7/8/83 - 1:57⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Salute Hanover	Mickey McNichol	Joe Caraluzzi
2 Great Nero	Robert Myers	Myers/McInnis
3 Ticket To Ride	William Haughton	Haughton/Gaskin

CONSOLATION - 7/15/83 - 1:54³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Fortune Teller	Eldon Harner	Harner/Powell
2 Skirt Lifter	Bill O'Donnell	Robert O'Donnell
3 Star Happy	Herve Filion	Joe Vance

\$1,251,000 FINAL - 7/15/83 - 1:54¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Ralph Hanover	Ron Waples	Stew Firlotte
2 Umbrella Fella	John Campbell	Garnsey/Hafford
3 Rashad	Bill Popfinger	Popfinger/Collett

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RACE 6	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL	PURSE \$1,251,000	Quarter times	26, 56 ² , 1:25 ⁴ , 1:54 ¹	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:58
6 Ralph Hanover	5 4 ^o	2 3 ^o	2 ¹ 1 ¹ / ₄	1:54 ¹	R. Waples	Mutuels (6) 6.60	4.20 3.60 *2.30
8 Umbrella Fella	8 7 8 ^o	6 ^o 4 ³ / ₄	2 ¹ / ₄	1:54 ²	J. Campbell	(8) 5.40	5.20 4.50
4 Rashad	4 i10 7 9 ^o	8 ³ / ₄ 3 ³ / ₄	1:54 ³	1:54 ³	W. Popfinger	(4)	7.20 25.60
1 Salute Hanover	1 3 4 1 ^o	1 ¹ / ₄ 4 ³ / ₄	1:54 ⁴	1:54 ⁴	M. McNichol		17.40
9 Great Nero	9 8 9 ^o	8 ^o 9 ² 5 ¹ / ₄	1:54 ⁴	1:54 ⁴	R. Myers		29.80
12 Power Bunny	12 6 6 5	5 ¹ / ₄ 6 ¹ / ₄	1:55 ¹	1:55 ¹	Her. Filion		45.20
10 Laughing Man	10 12 12 11 ^o	10 ² 7 ² / ₄	1:55 ²	1:55 ²	R. Remmen		6.80
2 Jo Nathan	2 1 1 2	3 ² / ₄ 8 ³ / ₄	1:56	1:56	W. Gilmour		3.60
5 Ticket To Ride	5 i9 ^o 11 ^o	12 12 9 ¹ / ₄	1:56 ¹	1:56 ¹	W. Haughton		27.70
3 Time To Cash	3 2 ^o 3 7	7 ^{nk} 10 ^{ns}	1:56 ²	1:56 ²	W. O'Donnell		5.00
11 Thurston Hanover	11 5 5 4 ^o	6 ³ / ₄ 11 ² / ₄	1:56 ²	1:56 ²	C. Boring		76.30
7 Crosscurrent	7 11 ^o 10 10 11 12		1:56 ⁴	1:56 ⁴	C. Manzi	Exacta (6-8) 16.40	39.00

Winning Owner: Waples Stable, Pointsetta Stable & Grants Direct Stable
Winning Trainer: Stew Firlotte