

July 18, 1986

IT'S LAUGHS FOR SYLVESTER IN THE PACE

The 1986 Meadowlands Pace winner, Laughs, barely made it into the race, having to survive a tight photo for fourth in his elimination. In the end, however, the lightly regarded son of Silent Majority had the last "laugh" on his competition, taking home the lion's share of the \$1,025,500 purse with a neck victory at odds of 10-1.

Owned by Irving Liverman's 8 Friends Stable of Montreal, and trained by Chuck Sylvester, Laughs gave driver William "Buddy" Gilmour his second Meadowlands Pace win with the 1:52.1 triumph. Another longshot, Tucson Hanover at 16-1, wound up second with part of the favored entry, Amity Chef finishing third after struggling through traffic and overcoming

interference from Barberry Spur, who broke stride in the stretch.

The \$23.80 win payoff for Laughs is the highest for the Pace and the exacta with Tucson Hanover triggered a stakes record \$340.80 return.

Everything went right on this night for Laughs who parlayed a second-over trip into the biggest payday of his career. For trainer Chuck Sylvester, a man known more for his success with trotters, the win by Laughs was his only Meadowlands Pace victory. Sylvester went on to notch four Hambletonian victories, making him the only trainer to win a million dollar trotting and pacing race.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/11/86 - 1:52²

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Robust Hanover	John Campbell	W. (Lofty) Bruce
2	Barberry Spur	Bill O'Donnell	Richard Stillings
3	Tucson Hanover	Bruce Riegler	Gene Riegler
4	Cretan Thunder	Ray Remmen	Remmen/Remmen

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/11/86 - 1:52³

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Sherman Almahurst	Ron Waples	Stew Firlotte
2	Masquerade	Richie Silverman	Howard/Silverman
3	Souffle	Bill O'Donnell	Steve Elliott
4	Laughs	Buddy Gilmour	Riordan/Sylvester

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/11/86 - 1:53¹

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Amity Chef	John Campbell	Blair Burgess
2	Cash Asset	Tom Haughton	Miller/Haughton
3	Play The Palace	Jim Doherty	Howard/Silverman
4	Tijuana Blue Chip	Ron Waples	George Regan

CONSOLATION - 7/18/86 - 1:52¹

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Smartest Remark	Carmine Abbatiello	Robert Bencal
2	Happy Chatter	Doug R. Ackerman	Doug Ackerman
3	Audubon Hanover	Tom Haughton	Miller/Haughton

\$1,025,500 FINAL - 7/18/86 - 1:52¹

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Laughs	Buddy Gilmour	Riordan/Sylvester
2	Tucson Hanover	Bruce Riegler	Gene Riegler
3	Amity Chef	John Campbell	Blair Burgess

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RACE 6	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL	PURSE \$1,025,500	Quarter times	28, 55 ³ , 1:24 ¹ , 1:52 ¹	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:07
3	Laughs	2 4 5 5 ^o 5 ^{3/4} 1 ^{nk}	1:52 ¹	W. Gilmour	Mutuels (3)	23.80 16.80	5.00 10.90
5	Tucson Hanover	6 11 11 10 7 ^{6/8} 2 ^{nk}	1:52 ¹	B. Riegler	(5)	18.00	4.60 16.20
2	Amity Chef	5 10 ^o 10 ^o 8 6 ^{4/8} 3 ^{3/4}	1:52 ¹	J. Campbell	(2)		2.20 e*1.20
1b	Masquerade	12 6 ^o 2 ^o 1 1 ^{1/4} 4 ^{3/4}	1:52 ²	R. Silverman			e4.70
2a	Sherman Almahurst	7 3 ^o 1 2 2 ^{1/4} 5 ^{2/4}	1:52 ³	R. Waples			e*1.20
4	Tijuana Blue Chip	4 8 7 6 8 ⁷ 6 ³	1:52 ⁴	C. Abbatiello			69.40
7	Cretan Thunder	9 1 4 4 3 ^{2/4} 7 ³	1:52 ⁴	R. Remmen			58.80
6	Barberry Spur	8 2 3 3 ^o 4x ^{2/4} 8 ^{5/4}	1:53 ¹	W. O'Donnell			3.50
8	Robust Hanover	10 7 ^o 8 ^o 9 ^o 10 ^{11/4} 9 ⁸	1:53 ⁴	B. Webster			7.10
9	Souffle	11i 5 6 ^o 7 ^o 9 ⁹ 10 ¹⁰	1:54 ¹	W. Case, Jr.			13.30
1a	Play The Palace	3 9 ^o 9 ^o 11 ^o 11 ^{14/4} 11 ^{15/4}	1:55 ¹	J. Doherty			e4.70
1	Cash Asset	1x 12 12 12 ^o 12 ¹⁶ 12 ^{15/4}	1:55 ¹	T. Haughton	Exacta (3-5)	340.80	e4.70

Winning Owners: 8 Friends Stable
Winning Trainer: J. Riordan (Charles Sylvester Stable)