

# July 12, 1991

## PRECIOUS BUNNY STOPS THE CLOCK IN 1:49.4!

Entering the 1991 Meadowlands Pace, Precious Bunny had done little wrong for owner R. Peter Heffering of Port Perry, Ontario and trainer Bill Robinson. He had eight wins in 10 starts and seasonal earnings of more than \$700,000, including an easy three and a quarter length score in the North America Cup.

Despite all his accomplishments, Precious Bunny was not favored in the Pace Final. That distinction belonged to the previously unbeaten Artsplace, who went off as the 2-5 favorite. Artsplace was five-for-five in his sophomore campaign after bankrolling more than \$1 million and divisional honors at two.

Precious Bunny had a relatively uneventful two-year-old campaign, winning once in 14 starts with earnings of \$63,920. But he blossomed at three and came prepared for his first confrontation with the superstar, Artsplace.

Driver Jack Moiseyev utilized Precious Bunny's excellent early speed to leave from post eight and then

brushed past the pace-setting Artsplace into fractions of 54.2 and 1:21.4. In the stretch, Precious Bunny was too much, putting away the stalking Artsplace to win comfortably by two lengths in a stakes record 1:49.4, the fastest night time mile in the history of harness racing at the time.

Assistant trainer Monte Gelrod wasn't surprised by Precious Bunny's brilliant speed which allowed him to clear the favorite down the backstretch.

"I knew no horse could take him," he said. "You can't park this horse. He has a burst of speed like no horse I have ever seen."

Precious Bunny became the first standardbred to win two \$1 million races in the same season.

He went on to capture the Little Brown Jug and Adios in a world record final heat. At year's end, Precious Bunny was named Horse of the Year and set a single season earnings record of \$2,217,222.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/5/91 - 1:50<sup>4</sup>

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Precious Bunny	Jack Moiseyev	Robinson/Gelrod
2	Easy Goer	Joe Pavia Jr.	Rheal Bourgeois
3	Nuclear Legacy	Bill Fahy	Gene Riegler
4	Stormin Jesse	John Campbell	Dennis McMahon

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/5/91 - 1:50<sup>4</sup>

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Artsplace	John Campbell	Gene Riegler
2	Whiteland Trouble	Ron Waples	Luca Derrico
3	Start The Fire	Mike Lachance	Robert Bencal

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ELIMINATION - 7/5/91 - 1:51<sup>1</sup>

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Die Laughing	Richie Silverman	Silverman/Goldstein
2	Complex Trooper	Jack Moiseyev	Morgan McInnis
3	Sablevision	Ron Waples	Waples/Nelson

### CONSOLATION - 7/12/91 - 1:52

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Miss Easy	John Campbell	B. Nickells/Bk. Nickells
2	Cambest	Dave Rankin	Dan Altmeyer
3	Mantese	Mickey McNichol	Ken Seeber

### \$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/12/91 - 1:49<sup>4</sup>

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Precious Bunny	Jack Moiseyev	Robinson/Gelrod
2	Artsplace	John Campbell	Gene Riegler
3	Stormin Jesse	Cat Manzi	Dennis McMahon

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RACE 8	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL	PURSE \$1,000,000	Quarter times	25 <sup>4</sup> , 54 <sup>2</sup> , 1:21 <sup>4</sup> , 1:49 <sup>4</sup>	TEMP 77	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:21	
8	Precious Bunny	8 5 <sup>01</sup> 1 <sup>onk</sup> 1 <sup>1</sup> 1 <sup>1½</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> 28	1:49 <sup>4</sup>	J. Moiseyev	Mutuels (8)	8.20	2.40	2.10	3.10
1	Artsplace	4 3 <sup>o½</sup> 2 <sup>1½</sup> 3 <sup>1</sup> 3 <sup>3</sup> 2 <sup>no</sup> 28	1:50 <sup>1</sup>	J. Campbell	(1)		2.10	2.10	e*.40
6	Stormin Jesse	6 7 <sup>1½</sup> 4 <sup>o1½</sup> 2 <sup>o½</sup> 2 <sup>½</sup> 3 <sup>3½</sup> 28 <sup>1</sup>	1:50 <sup>1</sup>	C. Manzi	(6)			2.10	65.50
7	Easy Goer	7 1 <sup>1½</sup> 3 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2½</sup> 4 <sup>1½</sup> 4 <sup>3</sup> 28 <sup>2</sup>	1:50 <sup>4</sup>	J. Pavia, Jr.					38.70
4	Complex Trooper	3 4 <sup>1</sup> 6 <sup>hd</sup> 6 <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup> 5 <sup>3½</sup> 28 <sup>3</sup>	1:51 <sup>2</sup>	R. Remmen					63.90
5	Whiteland Trouble	5 6 <sup>1½</sup> 8 <sup>nk</sup> 7 <sup>o1½</sup> 7 <sup>1½</sup> 6 <sup>hd</sup> 29 <sup>1</sup>	1:52 <sup>1</sup>	W. O'Donnell					21.60
1a	Nuclear Legacy	10 9 <sup>dis</sup> 9 <sup>odis</sup> 8 <sup>o15</sup> 8 <sup>dis</sup> 7 <sup>nk</sup> 29	1:52 <sup>1</sup>	W. Fahy					e*.40
3	Start The Fire	2 2 <sup>1½</sup> 5 <sup>1½</sup> 4 <sup>onk</sup> 6 <sup>1</sup> 8 <sup>dis</sup> 29 <sup>4</sup>	1:52 <sup>1</sup>	M. Lachance					38.30
2	Sablevision	1x 10 10 10 10 9 <sup>dis</sup>		R. Waples					70.80
9	Die Laughing	9 8 <sup>1½</sup> 7 <sup>o1½</sup> 9 <sup>dis</sup> 9 <sup>dis</sup> 10		R. Silverman	Exacta (8-1)	18.20			7.60

Winning Owner: R. Peter Heffering  
Winning Trainer: Monte Gelrod (Bill Robinson Stable)