

FATE IS ON PRESIDENTIAL BALL'S SIDE

The outcome of the 1993 Meadowlands Pace was the most unusual in history, even though the favorite, Presidential Ball, won.

Presidential Ball, the defending two-year-old champion, was made the overwhelming 2-5 favorite on the morning line after winning the North America Cup and his Pace elimination. But he would have to overcome traffic problems and a near accident to post his ninth victory in a row in the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace.

Starting from post two with driver Jack Moiseyev, Presidential Ball paced in third down the backstretch as Riyadh led the field to the quarter in 27.2. As Moiseyev began to send Presidential Ball on a brush to the lead, Bill Fahy, driving Nuclear Design, moved first and sent his colt to the outside, as well. Moiseyev let Presidential Ball sit behind Nuclear Design, who pressed Riyadh to the half in 54.2. Then, when it looked as though Fahy would tuck back in with Nuclear Design, Moiseyev started

Presidential Ball rolling, only to watch Fahy's charge move out again.

Finally, Presidential Ball drew clear at the three-quarter pole and sprinted into a length lead at the top of the stretch. But Life Sign, with John Campbell, was closing in on him. Just as Life Sign came alongside Presidential Ball, he suddenly swerved left, lodging his wheel inside Presidential Ball's right tire. Moiseyev and Campbell carefully disengaged, but for Life Sign, the damage was done. Presidential Ball pulled loose and raced to victory.

The judges reviewed the film and absolved Presidential Ball of any blame. Riyadh finished third and longshots Easter Sun Hanna and Columbus Avenue rounded out the top five.

Presidential Ball's victory in the Meadowlands Pace helped secure him divisional honors. It was the second Pace victory in three years for trainer Bill Robinson, who captured the 1991 edition with Precious Bunny, and the first for Ontario construction company owner Antonio Chiaravalle.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/10/93 - 1:50²

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Presidential Ball | Jack Moiseyev | Robinson/Gelrod |
| 2 | Beastmaster | Steve Condren | Brad Maxwell |
| 3 | Nuclear Design | Bill Fahy | Gene Riegler |

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/10/93 - 1:50³

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Life Sign | John Campbell | Robinson/Gelrod |
| 2 | Cape Crusader | Mike Lachance | Jim Campbell |
| 3 | Cam's Magic Trick | Steve Condren | Robert McIntosh |

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/10/93 - 1:49⁴

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | Riyadh | Jack Moiseyev | Robinson/Gelrod |
| 2 | Columbus Avenue | Joe Pavia Jr. | Jim Arledge Jr. |
| 3 | Easter Sun Hanna | Mike Lachance | Michel Bouvrette |

CONSOLATION - 7/17/93 - 1:51²

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Native Born | Bill Fahy | William Keeping |
| 2 | Captain Pantastic | Richard Wojcio | William Walters |
| 3 | Miles McCool | John Campbell | Haughton/Thomas |

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/17/93 - 1:50

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Presidential Ball | Jack Moiseyev | Robinson/Gelrod |
| 2 | Life Sign | John Campbell | Gene Riegler |
| 3 | Riyadh | Cat Manzi | Robinson/Gelrod |

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| RACE 9 | 1 MILE | MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL | PURSE \$1,000,000 | Quarter times | 27 ² , 54 ² , 1:21 ⁴ , 1:50 | TEMP 77 | TRACK: FAST | OFF: 10:56 |
|--------|-------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 3 | Presidential Ball | 2 | 3 ^{1/4} 3 ^{1/2} 2 ^{01/2} 1 ^{1/4} 1 ^{1/4} 28 | 1:50 | J. Moiseyev | Mutuels (3) | 2.60 | 2.20 2.10 *30 |
| 1 | Life Sign | 3 | 4 ^{1/4} 4 ^{1/4} 3 ^{01/4} 2 ¹ 2 ^{3/4} 27 ⁴ | 1:50 ¹ | J. Campbell | (1) | 3.60 | 2.10 e5.10 |
| 2 | Riyadh | 1 | 1 ^{1/4} 1 ^{1/4} 1 ^{1/4} 3 ⁴ 3 ^{2/4} 29 ¹ | 1:51 | C. Manzi | (2) | | 2.10 5.90 |
| 7 | Easter Sun Hanna | 8 | 9 ^{1/4} 9 ^{03/4} 9 ⁰² 6 ^{1/4} 4 ¹ 28 | 1:51 ³ | M. Lachance | | | 94.60 |
| 5 | Columbus Avenue | 5 | 8 ^{1/2} 8 ¹ 8 ¹ 5 ^{1/2} 5 ¹ 28 ² | 1:51 ⁴ | R. Wojcio | | | 64.70 |
| 6 | Beastmaster | 6 | 5 ^{0hd} 5 ^{0nk} 5 ^{01/4} 4 ^{2/4} 6 ^{ns} 29 ¹ | 1:52 | S. Condren | | | 27.00 |
| 9 | Mystical Prince | 10 | 10 10 10 ⁰ 7 ¹ 7 ^{1/2} 28 | 1:52 | M. Kesmodel | | | 99.40 |
| 8 | Cam's Magic Trick | 9 | 7 ^{0nk} 7 ⁰⁵ 7 ^{01/4} 8 ³ 8 ⁶ 29 ¹ | 1:52 ¹ | R. Pierce | | | 73.30 |
| 4 | Cape Crusader | 4 | 6 ^{1/4} 6 ^{4/4} x6 ^{hd} 9 ³ 9 ⁶ 30 ² | 1:53 ² | R. Waples | | | 12.90 |
| 1a | Nuclear Design | 7 | 2 ^{1/4} 2 ^{01/4} 4 ^{nk} 10 10 32 | 1:54 ³ | W. Fahy | Exacta (3-1) | 6.00 | e5.10 |

Winning Owner: Antonio Chiaravalle
Winning Trainer: Monte Gelrod (Bill Robinson Stable)