

DREAM AWAY IS A DREAM COME TRUE

It was a dream come true for a trio of Ontario business partners and friends as Dream Away crossed the wire first in the 1997 Meadowlands Pace.

It took Sam Goldband, Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld more than two decades to know the thrill of victory that comes from winning the premier event for three-year-old pacers.

An unexpected elimination winner, Dream Away was sent off as the second choice in the field along with JK Outlaw, a two-horse entry for trainer Brett Pelling.

Dream Away and driver Ron Pierce left the gate and settled into third as Western Dreamer and Red Bow Tie battled for the lead. At the half, Pierce pulled him off the pylons and brushed to the lead quickly, drawing off by a length. The move caught the rest of the field by surprise and Dream Away

reached the three-quarter pole unchallenged. As horses shook loose behind him, Pierce urged Dream Away once more and the colt dug in and held off the furious late charge of At Point Blank for a half-length victory in 1:50.2.

"I was thrilled to death," Pierce said. "I wasn't sure about him being on the lead because there were three great horses behind me. I wasn't sure if I could outlick them in the end. I could hear them closing in on me in the last sixteenth and I was panicking."

"We thought he was a good colt; now he's a great colt," Marvin Katz said. "We've waited for this, we really dreamed about it."

Dream Away provided Pierce with the biggest win of his career, Pelling with his second victory in the \$1 million event and his owners the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:50²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Red Bow Tie	Bill Fahy	Holloway/Smith
2 Arturo	Luc Ouellette	Steve LeBlanc
3 His Mattjesty	Doug Brown	Stew Firlotte

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:51

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Park Place	Wally Hennessey	Jim Campbell
2 JK Outlaw	Jack Moiseyev	Pelling/Daley
3 Rod's Deal	Cat Manzi	Gallagher/Charron

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:50²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Dream Away	Ron Pierce	Pelling/Daley
2 Western Dreamer	Mike Lachance	Robinson/Varty
3 Village Jasper	Pat MacDonnell	Bill Wellwood
4 At Point Blank	George Brennan	Monte Gelrod

CONSOLATION - 7/11/97 - 1:49⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Village Jove	Pat MacDonnell	Bill Wellwood
2 Jeremys Gambit	Mike Lachance	Pelling/Daley
3 Such A Hoot	Mark O'Mara	Mark O'Mara

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/11/97 - 1:50²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Dream Away	Ron Pierce	Pelling/Daley
2 At Point Blank	John Campbell	Monte Gelrod
3 Western Dreamer	Mike Lachance	Robinson/Varty

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RACE 10	PACE1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE	\$1,000,000	Quarter times: 27, 54 ¹ , 1:22, 1:50 ²	TEMP.	79-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:43					
1 Dream Away	1 3 ¹⁵ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₄	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ³ / ₄	1 ¹ / ₂	28 ²	1:50 ²	R. Pierce	Mutuels (1)	9.60	5.80	3.20	e- 3.80
9 At Point Blank	10 8 ⁹ / ₁₆	8 ⁸ / ₁₆	7 ⁵ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₄	2 ¹ / ₂	27 ¹	1:50 ²	J. Campbell	(9)		13.40	5.60	13.80
4 Western Dreamer	4 2 nd	3 ¹ / ₄	4 ³ / ₁₆	3 ³ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₄	28	1:50 ³	M. Lachance	(4)			3.40	4.40
2 Arturo	2 5 ⁶ / ₁₆	5 ⁵ / ₁₆	5 ⁴ / ₁₆	6 ⁵ / ₁₆	4 ² / ₁₆	28	1:50 ⁴	L. Ouellette					*2.60
5 Park Place	5 7 ⁹ / ₁₆	6 ⁸ / ₁₆	6 ⁵ / ₁₆	5 ⁵ / ₁₆	5 ³ / ₁₆	28 ¹	1:51 ¹	W. Hennessey					20.90
6 His Mattjesty	7 9 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	9 ⁹ / ₁₆	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	7 ⁶ / ₁₆	6 ⁴ / ₁₆	27 ⁴	1:51 ¹	D. Brown					13.30
8 Village Jasper	9 10 ¹² / ₁₆	10 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	10 ⁸ / ₁₆	9 ⁸ / ₁₆	7 ⁴ / ₁₆	27 ³	1:51 ¹	P. MacDonell					10.60
3 Rod's Deal	3 6 ⁷ / ₁₆	7 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁶ / ₁₆	28 ²	1:51 ³	C. Manzi					12.30
7 Red Bow Tie	8 1 st	2 ¹ / ₄	2 ¹ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₄	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	29 ³	1:51 ⁴	W. Fahy					4.00
1AJK Outlaw	6 4 ³ / ₁₆	4 ² / ₁₆	3 ² / ₁₆	10 ¹² / ₁₆	10 ¹² / ₁₆	30 ²	1:53	J. Moiseyev					e- 3.80
Winning Owner: Marvin Katz, Sam Goldband & Al Libfeld						Exacta		(1-9)	169.80				
Winning Trainer: Noel Daley (Brett Pelling Stable)						Trifecta		(1-9-4)	751.00				