

"DAY" MAKES IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Day In A Life's victory in the 1998 Meadowlands Pace rewarded co-owner Howard Schoor for a lifetime of dedication to the sport and also provided driver Luc Ouellette with his biggest career victory.

There was a three-way tie for the final qualifying spot after Real Artist, the 1997 Woodrow Wilson winner, was upset in his elimination and finished third, tying with Dex Appeal and New Jersey Classic winner Shady Character. Real Artist won the three-way shake, but drew post 10 and was never a factor in the Final.

The 3-2 favorite was two-year-old divisional champion Sealed N Delivered. The beaten favorite in the North America Cup seemed to be back in top form based on his 1:50.4 victory in a Pace elimination. But the night belonged to Ouellette and Day In A Life.

Ouellette gunned the Monte Gerlod/Duane Marfisi trained son of Life Sign right to the top and stole a middle half of 57.1 to put the race out of reach. It was Ouellette's first million dollar victory and sparked him to a fantastic final month of the

'98 meet, as he won a Breeders Crown, the Niatross, U.S. Pacing Championship, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Woodrow Wilson and Hambletonian Oaks.

Fit For Life, with driver George Brennan seeking his second Pace victory in three years, made a gallant late charge but fell a nose short. It marked the first time a sire [Life Sign] had his offspring finish one-two in the Pace Final. Ouellette, 32, and Brennan, 31, were the youngest ever one-two finishers in the Pace Final.

Owner R. Peter Heffering notched his second Pace victory [he won in 1991 with the stakes-record setting Precious Bunny] while co-owner Howard Schoor, the founder of Showplace Farm in Englishtown, New Jersey, earned the biggest win of his career.

"I'm so happy for Howard because he's been around 30 years and never had a good horse," trainer Monte Gelrod said.

"It's wonderful. It's unexplainable," Schoor said. "It's a great thrill. This is what it's all about."

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/4/98 - 1:50³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Fine Cuisine	John Campbell	Mark Capone
2 Artist Stena	Mike Lachance	Croghan/Corley
3 Browning Blue Chip	Tony Morgan	Brett Pelling

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/4/98 - 1:50⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Day In A Life	Luc Ouellette	Gelrod/Marfisi
2 Invader Hall	Jack Moiseyev	William Whitlock
3 Real Artist	Mike Lachance	Jim Campbell

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/4/98 - 1:51

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Rustler Hanover	Pat MacDonnell	Bill Wellwood
2 Fit For Life	George Brennan	Brett Pelling
3 Dex Appeal	Ron Pierce	David Smith

4TH ELIMINATION - 7/4/98 - 1:50⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Sealed N Delivered	John Campbell	Chris Ryder
2 Dragon Again	Ron Pierce	Kelly O'Donnell
3 Shady Character	Mike Lachance	Brett Pelling

CONSOLATION #1 - 7/11/98 - 1:51¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Shady Character	Mike Lachance	Brett Pelling
2 Ludwiganbeethoven	Tony Morgan	Ivan Sugg
3 Run To The Bank	Luc Ouellette	R. Gregg McNair

CONSOLATION #2 - 7/11/98 - 1:52³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Live Love Laugh	Richie Silverman	Croghan/Corley
2 Shotgun Scott	Luc Ouellette	Turner/Herzog
3 Griff Hanover	Mike Lachance	James Watson

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/11/98 - 1:51¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Day In A Life	Luc Ouellette	Gelrod/Marfisi
2 Fit For Life	George Brennan	Brett Pelling
3 Dragon Again	Ron Pierce	Kelly O'Donnell

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RACE 9	PACE1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE	\$1,000,000	Quarter times: 27, 56, 1:24 ¹ , 1:51 ¹	TEMP.	75-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:42
4 Day In A Life	5 2 ¹	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ^{ns}	27	1:51 ¹	L. Ouellette	Mutuels (4) 8.40 5.20 4.20 3.20
1 Fit For Life	1 3 ² / ₄	3 ² / ₄	4 ³ / ₄	3 ³ / ₄	2 ^{ns}	26 ²	G. Brennan	(1) 8.20 5.40 e- 9.50
3 Dragon Again	4 7 ⁷ / ₈	7 ⁶ / ₈	7 ⁵ / ₈	5 ⁵ / ₈	3 ²	26 ¹	R. Pierce	(3) 5.20 7.70
8 Artist Stena	9 1 ¹	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	2 ² / ₂	4 ² / ₂	27	M. Lachance	19.70
1A Browning Blue Chip	2 4 ³ / ₄	5 ⁴ / ₄	6 ⁵ / ₄	6 ⁶ / ₄	5 ³ / ₄	26 ³	A. Morgan	e- 9.50
2 Rustler Hanover	3 6 ⁶ / ₈	6 ⁵ / ₈	5 ⁴ / ₈	4 ⁴ / ₈	6 ³ / ₈	26 ⁴	P. MacDonnell	3.80
5 Invader Hall	6 8 ⁸ / ₈	8 ⁸ / ₈	9 ⁸ / ₈	8 ⁸ / ₈	7 ⁴ / ₈	26 ¹	J. Moiseyev	28.80
9 Real Artist	10 10 ¹⁰ / ₁₀	9 ⁹ / ₁₀	8 ⁷ / ₁₀	7 ⁷ / ₁₀	8 ⁵ / ₁₀	26 ²	W. Hennessey	47.90
6 Fine Cuisine	7 i9 ¹⁰	10 ⁹ / ₁₀	10 ⁹ / ₁₀	10 ¹¹ / ₁₀	9 ⁸ / ₁₀	26 ⁴	R. Silverman	16.40
7 Sealed N Delivered	8 5 ⁵ / ₁₀	4 ³ / ₁₀	3 ² / ₁₀	9 ¹⁰ / ₁₀	10 ¹¹ / ₁₀	28 ⁴	J. Campbell	*1.50
Winning Owner: R. Peter Heffering & Schoor Racing Stable							Exacta	(4-1) 62.80
Winning Trainer: Duane Marfisi (Monte Gelrod Stable)							Trifecta	(4-1-3) 370.60