

PELLING WINS HIS FOURTH PACE TO THE BEAT OF ROCKNROLL HANOVER

Rocknroll Hanover hit all the right notes, drawing off to a three-length victory to capture the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace in a stakes record of 1:48.3, providing trainer Brett Pelling with a record fourth Pace victory in 2005.

Rocknroll Hanover had already won the North America Cup at Woodbine and would be back in the fall to win the Breeders Crown Three-Year-Old Colt Pace at the Meadowlands before retiring with Horse of the Year honors.

"I just saw Rocknroll being more relaxed tonight," said Pelling moments after the Meadowlands Pace victory. "He was over-pacing last week. Rocknroll was pretty psyched; he knows what he's here to do. Tonight when he goes home, he'll go down and go to sleep. He's not a wired horse. Tonight was just awesome."

Pelling previously won the Pace in 1995 with David's Pass, 1997 with Dream Away and 1999 with The Panderosa.

"This is our home track," said the New Zealand native and seven-time leading trainer at the Meadowlands. "If you stick around long enough and if you're in the race, you're going to win some. Hopefully, you have some owners who keep buying good horses. It was my first Pace win since 1999. My kids are at a good age - 12 [Grace] and 10 [Jack]. They've been in the winner's circle before but they had no clue what was going on. Now my son tonight will have the percentages worked out."

It could also be Pelling's last Meadowlands Pace victory. He retired from training and moved his family to Perth, Australia in January of 2006.

It was a repeat visit to the Pace winner's circle for Jeffrey Snyder of New York City, who owns Rocknroll Hanover in partnership with Audrey Campbell, who races as the Lothlorien Equestrian Center of Mississauga, Ontario. Snyder, who had six previous Pace starters, won the 1994 edition with Cam's Card Shark. Campbell was making her Pace debut.

Snyder also had two other finalists in 2005 - Village Jolt [owned with Jules and Arlene Siegel], who was

second, and Cam's Fool [with Audrey Campbell] who was ninth.

Driver Brian Sears, who would record an unprecedented \$15 million in purse earnings in 2005, picked up a lot of those dollars with Rocknroll Hanover, including the \$500,000 winner's share of the Pace purse.

"We had a lot of confidence in him going in," said Sears, after posting his first Pace victory in his third try. "This is the best he's ever raced. He was super sharp tonight. You never know how the trip is going to work out. I expected someone would be leaving from the outside. He went forward and went to the front [before the half]. The horse just swelled up and felt better and better as he went on."

Village Jolt, who had been hindered by sickness earlier in the year, benefited from following Rocknroll Hanover.

"I pushed off the gate hard with him," said Ron Pierce, who drove Village Jolt. "I figured that Cat [Manzi with Team Hutch] would be leaving. I had the lead at the quarter, looked over my shoulder and saw Brian [Sears] coming. I let him cross over pretty easily. It was just a matter of keeping up with Brian. When I saw Jack [Moiseyev] coming, I knew he was in trouble with Stonebridge Regal."

Broken equipment cost Stonebridge Regal, who had won 10 of 14 starts coming into the Pace, any chance.

"I was first up," Moiseyev said. "He broke a front hobble hanger at the half. His left hobble was down around his knees, and I knew I was in trouble."

The 1:48.3 mile - with fractions of 26.2, 54.3 and 1:21.3 - was a lifetime best for the colt and a stakes record, supplanting the 1:49 marked shared by Mach Three [2002] and Holborn Hanover [2004].

The Western Ideal - Rich N Elegant colt would retire with earnings of \$1,945,757 on the year.

In 2006, he stood his first season at stud at Perretti Farms in Cream Ridge, New Jersey.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/9/05 - 1:50¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Leading X Ample	Eric Ledford	William Elliott
2 Cam's Fool	John Campbell	Brett Pelling
3 George At Bigs	Jim Morrill Jr.	Mark Harder
4 Allamerican Inca	David Miller	Noel Daley
5 Load The Dice	Mike Lachance	Chris Ryder

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/9/05 - 1:49³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Stonebridge Regal	Jack Moiseyev	Robert McIntosh
2 Rocknroll Hanover	Brian Sears	Brett Pelling
3 Team Hutch	Eric Ledford	Homer Hochstetler
4 Village Jolt	Ron Pierce	Brett Pelling
5 American Ideal	John Campbell	Cassie Coleman

CONSOLATION - 7/16/05 - 1:48²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 P-Forty-Seven	Eric Ledford	Kelly O'Donnell
2 Climb The Ladder	Jim Morrill Jr.	Jerry Silverman
3 Runover Feeling	Ron Pierce	Kelly O'Donnell

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/16/05 - 1:48³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Rocknroll Hanover	Brian Sears	Brett Pelling
2 Village Jolt	Ron Pierce	Brett Pelling
3 Stonebridge Regal	Jack Moiseyev	Robert McIntosh

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RACE 8	PACE	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE	\$1,000,000	Quarter times: 26 ² , 52 ³ , 1:21 ³ , 1:48 ³	TEMP. 79-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:15
5	Rocknroll Hanover	5 3 ^{3/4}	1 ¹ 1 ^{1/2} 1 ^{2/4} 1 ³	27	1:48 ³	B. Sears	Mutuels	(5) 3.40 2.60 2.40 *.70
1	Village Jolt	1 1 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1/2} 2 ^{1/2} 2 ^{2/4} 2 ³	27 ²	1:49 ¹	R. Pierce	(1) 6.80 4.40 13.10	
3	Stonebridge Regal	3 5 ^{6/8}	2 ⁰¹ 3 ⁰² 3 ^{4/8} 3 ^{be6}	27 ⁴	1:49 ⁴	J. Moiseyev	(3) 2.60 2.80	
10	American Ideal	10 10 ⁰¹¹	9 ^{008/4} 6 ^{005/4} 4 ^{5/8} 4 ^{6/8}	27 ¹	1:49 ⁴	G. Brennan	43.50	
8	Team Hutch	8 2 ^{1/2}	4 ^{3/4} 4 ^{3/4} 5 ^{5/8} 5 ^{8/8}	28	1:50 ¹	C. Manzi	17.60	
4	George At Bigs	4 6 ⁰⁸	i5 ⁰⁵ 5 ⁰⁴ 6 ^{5/8} 6 ^{8/8}	27 ⁴	1:50 ¹	J. Morrill Jr.	29.10	
7	Load The Dice	7 7 ^{8/8}	6 ^{5/8} 7 ^{5/8} 8 ^{7/8} 7 ^{10/8}	27 ⁴	1:50 ³	M. Lachance	69.40	
9	Allamerican Inca	9 9 ^{10/8}	8 ^{6/8} 9 ⁷ 9 ⁸ 8 ¹¹	27 ⁴	1:50 ⁴	D. Miller	79.80	
6	Cam's Fool	6 8 ^{09/8}	i7 ^{005/4} 8 ^{06/8} 7 ⁷ 9 ¹²	28 ¹	1:51	J. Campbell	16.10	
2	Leading X Ample	2 4 ^{5/8}	x10x ⁰ 10 ^{dis} 10 ^{dis} 10 ^{dis}	--	--	E. Ledford	7.50	

Winning Owners: Jeffrey Snyder & Lothlorien Equestrian Center
Winning Trainer: Brett Pelling

Exacta	(5-1)	27.80
Trifecta	(5-1-3)	64.00
Superfecta	(5-1-3-10)	538.30