

July 14, 2012

A ROCKNROLL DANCE CAPTURES \$600,000 MEADOWLANDS PACE

Yannick Gingras pumped his fist as he approached the wire as he guided A Rocknroll Dance to a length and a half victory in the \$600,000 Meadowlands Pace.

It was Gingras' third stakes victory on the night - he also won the \$100,000 Meadowlands Pace Consolation with Hurricane Kingcole and a \$153,000 Stanley Dancer Division with Little Brown Fox - and the biggest night in his career.

"It's the one race that got away from me," Gingras said, referring to his runner-up finish in with the 2004 Pace favorite, Timesareachanging. "I was young, and I made a mistake."

Gingras, the leading driver at the Meadowlands this year redeemed himself with A Rocknroll Dance [\$11.40, \$6.00, \$4.60], his seventh Pace starter, as he felled to the lead by the 54.2 half and drew away to a 1:48.1 clocking, a career best for the three-year-old son of New Jersey's premier pacing stallion, Rocknroll Hanover, out of the Cam's Card Shark mare Wichita Hanover.

Rocknroll Hanover, the 2005 Meadowlands Pace winner, also sired runner-up Pet Rock [\$12.20, \$4.40].

Allstar Legend [\$22.40], the 102-1 longshot, finished third, a neck back of Pet Rock.

The crowd of 13,056 was up from the 12,593 from last year. A Rocknroll Dance was a \$15,000 Harrisburg Sale purchase for trainer Jim Mulinix of Wausen, OH, who shares ownership with Diamond Creek Farm of Paris, KY; Denny Miller of Archbold, OH and Jerry and Teresa Silver Stables of Long Beach, NY. "I give my horse all the credit in the world. He's been right there every week, but just hasn't had good luck. Today, I did my job

and he was right there. I knew we were going really fast and my horse still felt comfortable at the top of the lane."

The colt now has three wins, two seconds and one third in eight starts this year and a career record of 10 wins, five seconds and one third in 19 tries for a bankroll of \$1,377,250.

"I was a little nervous because the weather's been so hot, and my horse has been heading back and forth [to Ohio]," said Mulinix. "We ship him home every week and make sure he gets green grass every day."

"I sold almost every horse I had, but I wanted to buy something before I retired," he added. "I'm 60 years old. It's a good thing I had a partner on him. I spend \$15,000 on him, but I spent \$18,000 on staking him."

"Jim was not really happy that I was in front, but I set that horse up the last couple of weeks and I knew he had a big mile in him tonight," said the 32 year old Gingras. "I'm very pleased with the way he raced. My horse felt super."

"I wish my grandfather [Jean-Marc Gingras] was here," said Gingras, his eyes moistening. "He's my number one fan and that's who I was thinking about [in the stretch]. It's redemption [from finishing second in his first Pace in 2004]. It was the race that got away from me. I really believed I had the best horse that day, and I didn't drive him well. I was young and made a mistake. Tonight feels twice as good. We learn from each other and tonight was the night. It's definitely the best night I've ever had."

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/07/12 - 1:49¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Sweet Lou	Dave Palone	Ron Burke
2 A Rocknroll Dance	Yannick Gingras	Jim Mulinix
3 Simply Business	Ron Pierce	Jimmy Takter
4 Allstar Legend	Brian Sears	George Teague Jr.
5 State Treasurer	David Miller	Ian Moore

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/07/12 - 1:49

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Heston Blue Chip	Tim Tetrick	Linda Toscano
2 Thinking Out Loud	Randall Waples	Robert McIntosh
3 Pet Rock	Brian Sears	Virgil Morgan Jr
4 Bolt The Duer	Mark MacDonald	Peter Foley
5 Time To Roll	Andy Miller	Jimmy Takter

\$600,000 FINAL - 7/14/11 - 1:48¹

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 A Rocknroll Dance	Yannick Gingras	Jim Mulinix
2 Pet Rock	Brian Sears	Virgil Morgan Jr
3 Allstar Legend	Jim Morrill Jr	George Teague Jr

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RACE 8 PACE	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE	\$1,000,000	Quarter times: 25 ¹ , 53, 1:20, 1:47 ⁴	TEMP. 88-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 9:52
1 A Rocknroll Dance	1 1 ^o HD	1 1 ^{3/4}	1 1 ^{3/4}	1 1 ^{1/2}	1:48.1	26.4	4.70 Yannick Gingras Jim Mulinix
2 Pet Rock	2 4 4 ^{3/4}	4 4 ^{3/4}	5 4 ^{3/4}	5 2 ^{3/4}	2 ^{1/2}	1:48.2 26.2	17.10 Brian Sears Virgil Morgan Jr
10 Allstar Legend	10 2 ^{HD}	2 ^{1/4}	2 ^{1/4}	2 ^{1/4}	3 ^{1/4}	1:48.3 26.4	102.70 Jim Morrill Jr George Teague Jr
3 Heston Blue Chip	3 5 ^{6/12}	5 ^{5/14}	6 ^{5/14}	4 2 ^{3/4}	4 ²	1:48.3 26.2	4.50 Tim Tetrick Linda Toscano
4 Sweet Lou	4 6 ⁸	7 ^{5/12}	8 ^{5/14}	7 ^{3/4}	5 ^{2/14}	1:48.3 26.0	3.40 Dave Palone Ron Burke
7 Thinking Out Loud	7 3 ^{2/12}	3 ²	3 ^{2/14}	3 ^{2/14}	6 ⁴	1:49.0 27.1	*2.00 Randall Waples Robert McIntosh
8 State Treasurer	8 10 ^{12/14}	6 ^{1/4}	4 ^{3/12}	6 ³	7 ^{4/14}	1:49.0 27.0	70.50 David Miller Ian Moore
6 Simply Business	6 8 ^{10/12}	10 ⁹	9 ⁷	9 ^{3/14}	8 ^{4/12}	1:49.0 26.1	14.30 Ron Pierce Jimmy Takter
9 Time To Roll	9 9 ¹²	10 ^{8/14}	7 ^{5/14}	8 ⁵	9 ^{6/12}	1:49.2 27.0	24.00 Andy Miller Jimmy Takter
5 Bolt The Duer	5 7 ^{9/14}	8 ^{7/14}	10 ^{7/12}	10 ^{6/14}	10 7 ^{3/4}	1:49.4 27.0	8.00 Mark MacDonald Peter Foley

Winning Owners: Jim Mulinix, Diamond Creek Farm, Denny Miller, J. & T. Silva Stables
Winning Trainer: Jim Mulinix

Exacta (1-2) 125.60
Trifecta (1-2-10) 4,125.60
10-cent Superfecta (1-2-10-3) 1,698.20