

July 15, 2023

CONFEDERATE WINS MEADOWLANDS PACE

Tim Tetrick needed only a few words to sum up Confederate's win in Saturday's (July 15) \$668,000 Meadowlands Pace.

"That was a ride there," Tetrick said after Confederate, the 1-2 favorite, covered the final quarter-mile in :25.4 to capture The Meadowlands' signature race for 3-year-old pacers by 3-1/2 lengths over longshot Hungry Angel Boy in 1:47. Christchurch finished third.

The winning time was just one-fifth of a second off the stakes record set in 2014 by He's Watching, and the margin of victory the largest since Well Said won the Pace by six lengths in 2009.

Confederate's win extended trainer Brett Pelling's record for Meadowlands Pace trophies to five and pushed Tetrick's total to six, just one behind John Campbell's record for drivers.

"I really felt he would be on his game tonight, and he was," said Pelling, who celebrates his 65th birthday on Monday. "He's just an awesome horse."

Confederate settled into fourth place early in the race as Christchurch took the field to the opening quarter in :26.2 and half in :54.3. Tetrick put Confederate in motion just as the leader hit the midpoint, coming first-over and drawing even with Christchurch at three-quarters in 1:21.1.

From there, it was all Confederate.

"It kind of went the way I thought I was going to have to do it," Tetrick said. "I was afraid I was going to have to be first up, and that's the way it went, but I got to sit quite a way, and I was happy with that."

"That was a ride there. He dragged me around there. It was awesome."

Confederate is owned by Diamond Creek Racing. The son of Sweet Lou-Geothermal was bred by Diamond Creek Farm.

"I think we were hoping for a performance like that," Diamond Creek's Adam Bowden said. "Timmy delivered, Brett delivered, it was great."

For his career, Confederate has won nine of 12 races and earned just shy of \$1 million. This year, he has four victories in five starts, with his lone setback a second-place finish by a head in last month's Pepsi North America Cup at Woodbine Mohawk Park.

Confederate paid \$3 to win.

BIG MONEY: Wagering on the 14-race program was vigorous from start to finish, and when all the monies were tallied, a total of \$5,672,535 was pushed through the windows, the biggest number on Pace Night in 17 years, when wagering was just over \$6 million in 2006.

Since 2009, only twice has betting busted the \$5-million Pace Night barrier, the other being 2020, when \$5,051,261 was put in play.

The \$5.6 million wagered last night, an industry 2023 best, represents a 20 percent increase over a year ago, when \$4,733,390 in action was taken.

Adding a third 50-cent Pick-4 to the betting menu proved to be a smart move, as the three Pick-4s took in action of just over \$450,000, with the All-Stakes P4, featuring The Meadowlands Pace as the payoff leg, saw \$180,638 put in play.

ELIMINATION RACE 6 - 7/8/2023 - 1:48.1 Fast

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Cannibal	Scott Zeron	Nancy Takter
2 Voukefalas	Jordan Stratton	Michael Russo
3 Its A Me Mario	Lauren Tritton	Shane Tritton
4 Hungry Angel Boy	Yannick Gingras	Tony Alagna
5 Fulton	Dexter Dunn	Linda Toscano
6 Bamboozler	David Miller	Virgil Morgan Jr
7 Combustion	Todd McCarthy	Brett Pelling

ELIMINATION RACE 10 - 7/8/2023 - 1:47.3 Fast

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Confederate	Tim Tetrick	Brett Pelling
2 El Rey	Scott Zeron	Tony Alagna
3 Christchurch	Dexter Dunn	Nancy Takter
4 Ammo	David Miller	Joe Holloway
5 Save America	Andrew McCarthy	Nancy Takter
6 Lyons Surfing	Joe Bongiorno	Jim King Jr
7 Gung Ho	Yannick Gingras	Ron Burke
8 Stockade Seelster	Jody Jamieson	Dr. Ian Moore

\$668,000 FINAL - 7/15/2023 - 1:47.0

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Confederate	Tim Tetrick	Brett Pelling
2 Hungry Angel Boy	Todd McCarthy	Tony Alagna
3 Christchurch	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter

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RACE 11 PACE	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE	\$668,000	Quarter times: 26.2; 54.3; 1:21.1; 1:47.0	TEMP. 82-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:43
5 Confederate	5 4 ³ / ₁₄	4 ⁰ / ₃ 2 ⁹ / _{NS}	1 ² / _{3/4} 1 ³ / _{1/2}	1:47.0 25.4	*0.50	Tim Tetrick	Brett Pelling
6 Hungry Angel Boy	6 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / _{1/4} 3 ¹ / _{1/4}	2 ² / _{3/4} 2 ³ / _{1/2}	1:47.3 26.1	70.20	Todd McCarthy	Tony Alagna
3 Christchurch	3 1 ⁰ / _{1/2}	1 ¹ / _{1/4} 1 ^{NS}	3 ² / _{3/4} 3 ⁴	1:47.4 26.3	6.40	Yannick Gingras	Nancy Takter
1 Fulton	1 3 ¹ / _{3/4}	3 ³ / _{1/2} 4 ² / _{1/2}	4 ⁵ 4 ⁴ / _{3/4}	1:48.0 26.2	14.20	Dexter Dunn	Linda Toscano
10 Save America	10 10 ¹¹ / _{3/4}	9 ⁸ / _{3/4} 8 ⁵ / _{3/4}	5 ⁶ / _{1/4} 5 ⁵	1:48.0 25.3	119.90	Matt Kakaley	Nancy Takter
4 Cannibal	4 6 ⁹	7 ⁰⁶ / _{1/4} 7 ⁰⁴ / _{3/4}	8 ⁷ / _{1/2} 6 ³ / _{1/2}	1:48.1 26.0	14.10	Andrew McCarthy	Nancy Takter
9 Ammo	9 9 ⁹ / _{3/4}	6 ⁵ / _{1/4} 6 ⁴	6 ⁶ / _{1/4} 7 ⁷ / _{3/4}	1:48.3 26.3	84.60	David Miller	Joe Holloway
2 Voukefalas	2 5 ⁴ / _{3/4}	5 ⁰⁴ / _{1/2} 5 ⁰³	7 ⁷ / _{1/4} 8 ⁸ / _{3/4}	1:48.4 27.0	8.30	Jordan Stratton	Michael Russo
7 El Rey	7 7 ⁷ / _{1/4}	8 ⁰⁷ / _{1/2} 9 ⁰⁶ / _{3/4}	9 ⁹ / _{1/2} 9 ⁹ / _{1/2}	1:48.4 26.1	6.00	Scott Zeron	Tony Alagna
8 Its A Me Mario	8 8 ⁸ / _{1/2}	10 ⁰⁹ / _{1/4} 10 ⁰⁸	10 ¹² / _{1/2} 10 ¹⁶	1:50.1 27.2	52.40	Lauren Tritton	Shane Tritton

Winning Owners: Diamond Creek Farm

Winning Trainer: Brett Pelling

Exacta (5-6) 48.20
 Trifecta (5-6-3) 240.90
 10-cent Superfecta (5-6-3-1) 153.67