



NIJINSKY

Bay Colt 3, by Bettor's Delight – Pirouette Hanover – Western Ideal

OWNERS: West Wins Stable [Casie Coleman], FL; John D Fielding, ON;
Mark B Dumain, NY
BREEDER: Jeffrey Snyder, NY
SALE: Standardbred Horse Sale \$120,000
TRAINER: Anthony Beaton **DRIVER:** Louis Roy

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2024	6	6	0	0	\$480,155	1:47.3 M
2023	10	1	2	3	\$74,735	1:53.4 Wbsb
LIFETIME	16	7	2	3	\$554,890	1:47.3 M

- Drew post three in the Pace final and is the morning line favorite at 2-1.
- Trainer Beaton following Nijinsky's Pace elimination victory, "That performance was pretty special. He gutted out another one. In the NA Cup, he was out the whole way, and he bounced back tonight. He was out quite a ways, but when he cleared he seemed like he settled and sat in pretty good, and when Louis asked him down the lane, he responded."
- Pepsi North America Cup winner Nijinsky stamped himself as the likely favorite in the \$650,000 Meadowlands Pace final with a determined 1:47.3 score over rival Funtime Bayama in the second of two \$50,000 eliminations of the summer classic for three-year-old male pacers on Saturday (July 6) at the Meadowlands. The 1:47.3 mark was a personal best and he remains undefeated six-for-six this season.
- Roy was high on his colt's fitness level exiting the race: "I didn't even pull the earplugs; I know every time I pull the plugs he goes to another gear. Every time we've tested him, he always answers nicely. Tonight, I feel like he had more left than in the N.A. Cup final."
- Won his elimination and took the North America Cup final in 1:48.1 over Captain's Quarters and Funtime Bayama on June 15th.
- Trainer Beaton after the North American Cup win: "He was a very nice colt last year," said first-time North America Cup winner Beaton. "He just had a little immaturity and that, but he was always showing these high speeds at the end of the miles. This year, he came back, and he's so much more mature. You could just do anything with him, and he's still got that high speed."



- Came into his Pace elimination five-for-five to start his three-year-old campaign. He beat Pace contender Funtime Bayama in his second start of the year in an Ontario Sire Stakes leg in 1:49.4, final quarter in :25.2. He followed up with a win in the Somebeachsomewhere Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park in 1:49, beating another Pace competitor, Captain's Quarters.
- This is Louis Roy's second Pace finalist. In 2018, he drove Jimmy Freight to a fourth-place finish.
- Roy, who won the Driver of the Year award in 2018 and 2019, set career highs in earnings in 2023 with just under \$7.6 million. He totaled 311 wins, which is the third-best in Canada.
- In 2023, Roy set a career-high earnings, just under \$7.6 million. His win total (311) on Canadian ovals was third best in the nation.
- Roy, 34, has won over 2,500 races and earned over \$36 million in his career, which began on the Quebec Regional Fair Circuit in 2008. Within six years, he was driving at the top tracks in Canada and had captured the 2016 Gold Cup and Saucer with Ys Lotus.
- Nijinsky's lone win as a freshman came in a non-winners event at Woodbine-Mohawk Park. He had two second-place finishes in Ontario Sire Stakes action. He scratched sick out of the ONSS Super Final. He finished fourth in an elimination for the Breeders Crown.
- Trainer Anthony Beaton has two horses in the Final, including first elimination winner Legendary Hanover. Beaton was around many of the top horses in the sport when working for trainer Casie Coleman and has built up a nice stable of his own since starting his own barn in 2017.
- Beaton, 47, has over 330 career training wins and over \$6.6 million in stable earnings.
- Beaton on what has most impressed him: "Just how he matured from 2 to 3, and his handiness now. Last year, we always had some issues leaving the gate. Now, Louis can leave a little bit with him and there doesn't seem to be an issue. He's always showed the high speed for home, but when we were never in the races, he just couldn't get there in the end. He had a great year last year, but he only had one win. He was just too far out of it a lot of times. Now, being in the races, he's way more handy and can show off his stuff and get the accolades that he deserves.

Leaving the gate, he doesn't try to pace out of his skin. Like all young boys, they've got to grow up someday. He picked a good time to do it.

He's a nice horse to be around, kind of playful and fun. When you walk by his stall, he reaches out and wants you to pay attention to him. He's kind of a cool little fella. I just love his effort every time he's on the track."



- Owner Casie Coleman had four Pace finalists as a trainer but failed to win the Final. Her best finish was in 2005 with American Ideal. He finished fourth. In 2009, she finished ninth with Art Colony; in 2010, Sportswriter finished seventh, and in 2011, Betterthancheddar finished seventh.
- Coleman also co-owns Pace finalist Legendary Hanover. John Fielding has been in five Pace Finals, and owned part of 2004 winner Holborn Hanover, who posted the largest win price in Pace history when he lit up the board at \$119.
- Sire Bettor's Delight is looking for his third Pace winner. His offspring Best In Show won the Pace in 2019, and Tall Dark Stranger won in 2020. Bettor's Delight, who finished 2nd to Real Desire in the 2001 Meadowlands Pace, is the leading stallion in horse racing history, whose progeny have earned more than \$315 million,

