

July 15, 1988

MATT'S SCOOTER DOMINATES

Canadians Gordon and Illa Rumpel and trainer Harry Poulton experienced the sweet taste of victory in the Meadowlands Pace in 1984 with On The Road Again. In 1988, they were back in victory lane with Matt's Scooter, who posted a 1:52.1 victory over favored Camtastic, giving driver Mike Lachance his first Meadowlands Pace victory in his first appearance.

A son of Direct Scooter, Matt's Scooter was lightly raced as a juvenile, but developed into the fastest pacer in the history of harness racing in 1988 with a time-trial record at Lexington's Red Mile of 1:48.2. He went on to be the Horse of the Year in 1989.

Starting from post position two, Matt's Scooter wrestled the lead from pole-sitting Ever So Rich in a brutal 26-second opening quarter. Lachance backed things down with a 30.3-second quarter breather, then sprinted home to a two-and-a-quarter length score with a final half in 55.3. Favored Camtastic was third-over for driver Bill O'Donnell and was forced to move three-wide around the last turn past tiring rivals. His late rush was good enough for second-place while Armbro Global bested the rest for driver John Campbell to finish third.

Charles Juravinski, the chairman of Flamboro Downs in Ontario, also co-owned Matt's Scooter.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/8/88 - 1:52³

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Paladium Lobell	Richie Silverman	Silverman/Moody
2	Allied Hanover	Ben Webster	David Willoughby
3	Big Eyes	John Hogan	Henry Molinari
4	Ever So Rich	Doug R. Ackerman	Doug Ackerman

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/8/88 - 1:51³

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Camtastic	Bill O'Donnell	Robert Bencal
2	Albert Albert	Chris Boring	Chris Boring
3	Ringaleevio	Richie Silverman	Silverman/Moody
4	Matt's Scooter	Mike Lachance	Harry Poulton

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/8/88 - 1:53¹

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Armbro Global	John Campbell	Ronald Knigge
2	Cameleon	Ron Waples	Waples/Nelson
3	Threefold	Mike Lachance	Loewe/Howard
4	Courageous Legacy	Jack Moiseyev	Steve Demas

CONSOLATION - 7/15/88 - 1:52⁴

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Top O' The Sixes	Michael Bourgeois	Michael Bourgeois
2	Big Brother Hanna	Joe Schwind	Perry Steinkohl
3	Wealthy Skipper	Mike Lachance	Richard Marine

\$1,039,000 FINAL - 7/15/88 - 1:52¹

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Matt's Scooter	Mike Lachance	Harry Poulton
2	Camtastic	Bill O'Donnell	Robert Bencal
3	Armbro Global	John Campbell	Ronald Knigge

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RACE 8	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL	PURSE \$1,039,000	Quarter times 26, 56 ³ , 1:24 ³ , 1:52 ¹	TEMP 87	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:33
4	Matt's Scooter	2 2 ^{ohd} 1 1/2	1 1/3 1 2/4 27 ³	1:52 ¹	M. Lachance	Mutuels	(4) 14.00 4.20 2.40 6.00
1	Camtastic	4 5 ^{o7/4} 6 ^{o4} 6 ^{oo4} 4 ⁵ 22 ^{1/4} 27 ¹	1:52 ³	W. O'Donnell	(1)	2.40	2.10 e*.50
8	Armbro Global	11 4 ^{1/4} 5 ^{3/8} 5 ^{3/8} 3 ⁴ 32 ^{1/4} 27 ²	1:52 ³	J. Campbell	(8)		2.20 5.80
5	Albert Albert	5 7 ^{5/8} 8 ^{o5/4} 8 ^{oo6} 6 ⁵ 44 ^{1/4} 27 ²	1:53 ¹	C. Boring			13.80
1a	Threefold	9 11 ^{o9/4} 11 ^{10/4} 12 ¹⁰ 9 ^{10/4} 58 ^{1/4} 27 ¹	1:53 ⁴	R. Remmen			e*.50
9	Courageous Legacy	12 8 ^{6/4} 7 ^{5/4} 7 ⁵ 5 ^{6/8} 6 ^{8/4} 28 ¹	1:54 ⁴	J. Moiseyev			14.00
2	Ringaleevio	3 10 ^{8/8} 10 ^{8/4} 9 ^{6/4} 8 ¹⁰ 7 ¹⁰ 28 ¹	1:54 ¹	J. Schwind			e25.20
3	Ever So Rich	1 1 ^{hd} 3 ^{1/2} 3 ^{1/2} 2 ³ 8 ^{10/4} 29 ²	1:54 ¹	D. R. Ackerman			41.90
6	Allied Hanover	7 9 ^{o7/4} 9 ^{o6/4} 10 ^{o7/4} 7 ^{9/4} 9 ¹¹ 28 ¹	1:54 ²	B. Webster			28.30
7	Big Eyes	8 12 ¹¹ 12 ^{12/4} 11 ^{oo8/4} 11 ^{12/4} 10 ^{13/4} 28 ²	1:54 ⁴	J. Hogan			30.00
2a	Paladium Lobell	6 3 ^{oo1/4} 2 ^{o/2} 2 ^{o1} 10 ^{12/4} 11 ^{21/2} 31 ³	1:56 ²	R. Silverman			e25.20
1b	Cameleon	10 6 ^{oo1/4} 4 ^{o2/4} 4 ^{oo2/4} 12 ^{14/4} 12 ^{24/4} 32 ¹	1:57 ¹	R. Waples	Exacta	(4-1)	33.00 e*.50

Winning Owner: Gordon & Illa Rumpel & Charles Juravinski
Winning Trainer: Harry Poulton