

HOT LEAD: THE IRON HORSE

Hot Lead rewrote Meadowlands history as he became the first horse to win the New Faces, Berry's Creek and Meadowlands Pace, earning him the nickname of the "Iron Horse." The green-goggled gelding was a horse for all seasons, dominating the three-year-old pacing class from the snowfalls of winter until the heat of the summer.

Hot Lead was the pre-race favorite for the 1996 Pace after winning the fastest of the three eliminations a week earlier in 1:50.2, a track record for three-year-old geldings.

Driven by George Brennan, Hot Lead stayed off a fast early pace set by Falcons Scooter. After a half in 55.4, Brennan moved Hot Lead to the outside tier, picked up cover from Jaguar Cam and took aim at the leader in mid-stretch. The gelding sped past Falcons Scooter and held off the late challenge of Stout to claim a neck victory in 1:51.4.

The win was a first for all connected with the bespectacled

son of Jaguar Spur and a particularly sweet one for Joe and Marie Parisi of White Birch Farm in Allentown, New Jersey, who bred the three-year-old out of their mare, JM Valinda. It catapulted Brennan to the upper tier of the driving colony and established Brian Magie as one of the sport's top conditioners.

"That was unbelievable," Brennan said. "The way it worked out, I didn't have to use him until the head of the lane. I had confidence in my horse. I told Brian I didn't know where we'd finish, but that I had confidence in him. This horse never stops trying. He has learned now to dig in and hold off horses. That's a piece that was missing before. He'd get to the front and not know what to do. Now he's a complete horse."

The complete Hot Lead ended his sophomore season with 11 victories, all of which came at the Meadowlands, more than \$980,000 in earnings and the title Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding Pacer of the Year.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/6/96 - 1:50²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Hot Lead	George Brennan	Brian Magie
2 Stout	Tony Kerwood	Gelrod/Webster
3 Firm Belief	Mike Lachance	Gene Riegler
4 Bahama Bunny	Mike Allen	Charles Williams

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/6/96 - 1:51²

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Jaguar Cam	Jack Moiseyev	Gelrod/Webster
2 Falcons Scooter	Ray Remmen	Ray & Larry Remmen
3 Oye Vay	Jim Morrill Jr.	Gelrod/Webster

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/6/96 - 1:51⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Gee Gee Digger	Howard Parker	Paul Jessop
2 Mattduff	Doug Brown	Stew Firlotte
3 John Street North	Jack Moiseyev	Gelrod/Webster

CONSOLATION - 7/13/96 - 1:51³

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 All Star Hanna	Mike Lachance	Ron Coyne Jr.
2 The Wrath Of Pan	Bill O'Donnell	Pelling/Daley
3 Pacific Missile	Jack Moiseyev	Gelrod/Webster

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/13/96 - 1:51⁴

Horse	Driver	Trainer
1 Hot Lead	George Brennan	Brian Magie
2 Stout	Tony Kerwood	Gelrod/Webster
3 Gee Gee Digger	Howard Parker	Paul Jessop

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RACE 8	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE-FINAL		PURSE \$1,000,000		Quarter times 27 ¹ , 55 ⁴ , 1:24 ⁴ , 1:51 ⁴		TEMP 70	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 9:45
4 Hot Lead	4 5 ⁴ / ₁₆	5 ⁴	4 ² / ₄	1 ³ / ₄	1 ^{nk}	26 ³	1:51 ⁴	G. Brennan	Mutuels	(4) 5.60 2.60 2.20 1.80
1b Stout	7 7 ⁷ / ₁₆	8 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	6 ⁴	2 ^{nk}	26	1:51 ⁴	A. Kerwood	(1b)	2.40 2.10 e*1.30
2 Gee Gee Digger	2 4 ² / ₁₆	4 ³ / ₁₆	5 ³ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ^{nk}	26 ²	1:51 ⁴	H. Parker	(2)	2.60 11.60
5 Bahama Bunny	6 6 ⁶ / ₁₆	6 ⁵ / ₁₆	6 ³ / ₁₆	4 ²	4 ¹ / ₂	26 ¹	1:51 ⁴	M. Allen		17.50
1a Oye Vay	5 1 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	27 ¹	1:52 ¹	J. Morrill, Jr.		e*1.30
6 Firm Belief	9 10 ¹⁰ / ₁₆	10 ⁸ / ₁₆	9 ⁷	5 ³	6 ³ / ₁₆	26 ¹	1:52 ²	M. Lachance		13.40
7 Mattduff	10 9 ¹ / ₁₆	7 ⁶	7 ⁵ / ₁₆	7 ⁵	7 ⁴ / ₁₆	26 ⁴	1:52 ³	D. Brown		32.70
1c John Street North	8 8 ⁹	9 ⁸ / ₁₆	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	26 ³	1:52 ⁴	J. Moiseyev		e*1.30
3 Falcons Scooter	3 2 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₁₆	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	9 ⁵ / ₁₆	28 ¹	1:53	R. Remmen	Exacta	(4-1) 10.40 3.80
1 Jaguar Cam	1 3 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ² / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₁₆	10 ^x ⁸ / ₁₆	10 ¹⁴ / ₁₆	29 ³	1:54 ³	J. Campbell	Trifecta	(4-1-2) 48.20

Winning Owner: White Birch Farm
Winning Trainer: Brian Magie