

DREAM AWAY IS A DREAM COME TRUE

It was a dream come true for a trio of Ontario business partners and friends as Dream Away crossed the wire first in the 1997 Meadowlands Pace.

It took Sam Goldband, Marvin Katz and Al Libfeld more than two decades to know the thrill of victory that comes from winning the premier event for three-year-old pacers.

An unexpected elimination winner, Dream Away was sent off as the second choice in the field along with JK Outlaw, a two-horse entry for trainer Brett Pelling.

Dream Away and driver Ron Pierce left the gate and settled into third as Western Dreamer and Red Bow Tie battled for the lead. At the half, Pierce pulled him off the pylons and brushed to the lead quickly, drawing off by a length. The move caught the rest of the field by surprise and Dream Away reached the three-quarter pole unchallenged. As horses shook

loose behind him, Pierce urged Dream Away once more and the colt dug in and held off the furious late charge of At Point Blank for a half-length victory in 1:50.2.

"I was thrilled to death," Pierce said. "I wasn't sure about him being on the lead because there were three great horses behind me. I wasn't sure if I could outlick them in the end. I could hear them closing in on me in the last sixteenth and I was panicking."

"We thought he was a good colt; now he's a great colt," Marvin Katz said. "We've waited for this, we really dreamed about it."

Dream Away provided Pierce with the biggest win of his career, Pelling with his second victory in the \$1 million event and his owners the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:50²

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Red Bow Tie | Bill Fahy | Holloway/Smith |
| 2 | Arturo | Luc Ouellette | Steve LeBlanc |
| 3 | His Mattjesty | Doug Brown | Stew Firlotte |

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:51

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Park Place | Wally Hennessey | Jim Campbell |
| 2 | JK Outlaw | Jack Moiseyev | Pelling/Daley |
| 3 | Rod's Deal | Cat Manzi | Gallagher/Charron |

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/4/97 - 1:50²

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dream Away | Ron Pierce | Pelling/Daley |
| 2 | Western Dreamer | Mike Lachance | Robinson/Varty |
| 3 | Village Jasper | Pat MacDonnell | Bill Wellwood |
| 4 | At Point Blank | George Brennan | Monte Gelrod |

CONSOLATION - 7/11/97 - 1:49⁴

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Village Jove | Pat MacDonnell | Bill Wellwood |
| 2 | Jeremys Gambit | Mike Lachance | Pelling/Daley |
| 3 | Such A Hoot | Mark O'Mara | Mark O'Mara |

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/11/97 - 1:50²

| | Horse | Driver | Trainer |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | Dream Away | Ron Pierce | Pelling/Daley |
| 2 | At Point Blank | John Campbell | Monte Gelrod |
| 3 | Western Dreamer | Mike Lachance | Robinson/Varty |

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| RACE 10 | PACE | 1 MILE | MEADOWLANDS PACE | \$1,000,000 | Quarter times: 27, 54 ¹ , 1:22, 1:50 ² | TEMP | 79-0 | TRACK: FAST | OFF: 10:43 | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Dream Away | 1 3 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ¹ / ₄ | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 1 ³ / ₈ | 1 ¹ / ₂ | 28 ² | 1:50 ² | R. Pierce | Mutuels | (1) | 9.60 | 5.80 | 3.20 | e- 3.80 |
| 9 | At Point Blank | 10 8 ⁹ / ₁₆ | 8 ⁸ | 7 ⁵ / ₁₆ | 2 ³ / ₈ | 2 ¹ / ₂ | 27 ¹ | 1:50 ² | J. Campbell | | (9) | | 13.40 | 5.60 | 13.80 |
| 4 | Western Dreamer | 4 2 nd | 3 ¹ / ₄ | 4 ³ / ₁₆ | 3 ³ / ₁₆ | 3 ¹ / ₈ | 28 | 1:50 ³ | M. Lachance | | (4) | | | 3.40 | 4.40 |
| 2 | Arturo | 2 5 ^d | 5 ⁵ | 5 ⁴ | 6 ⁵ / ₁₆ | 4 ² / ₁₆ | 28 | 1:50 ⁴ | L. Ouellette | | | | | | *2.60 |
| 5 | Park Place | 5 7 ^d | 6 ⁶ / ₁₆ | 6 ⁵ / ₁₆ | 5 ⁵ / ₁₆ | 5 ³ / ₁₆ | 28 ¹ | 1:51 ¹ | W. Hennessey | | | | | | 20.90 |
| 6 | His Mattjesty | 7 9 ¹⁰ / ₁₆ | 9 ⁹ / ₁₆ | 9 ⁷ / ₁₆ | 7 ⁶ / ₁₆ | 6 ⁴ / ₁₆ | 27 ⁴ | 1:51 ¹ | D. Brown | | | | | | 13.30 |
| 8 | Village Jasper | 9 10 ¹² / ₁₆ | 10 ¹⁰ / ₁₆ | 10 ⁸ / ₁₆ | 9 ⁸ / ₁₆ | 7 ⁴ / ₁₆ | 27 ³ | 1:51 ¹ | P. MacDonnell | | | | | | 10.60 |
| 3 | Rod's Deal | 3 6 ⁷ / ₁₆ | 7 ⁶ / ₁₆ | 8 ⁶ / ₁₆ | 8 ⁶ | 8 ⁶ | 28 ² | 1:51 ³ | C. Manzi | | | | | | 12.30 |
| 7 | Red Bow Tie | 8 1 ^{hd} | 2 ¹ / ₄ | 2 ¹ / ₁₆ | 4 ¹ / ₁₆ | 9 ⁷ / ₁₆ | 29 ³ | 1:51 ⁴ | W. Fahy | | | | | | 4.00 |
| 1 | AJK Outlaw | 6 4 ³ | 4 ² | 3 ² / ₄ | 10 ¹² / ₁₆ | 10 ¹² / ₁₆ | 30 ² | 1:53 | J. Moiseyev | | | | | | e- 3.80 |
| Winning Owner: Marvin Katz, Sam Goldband & Al Libfeld | | | | | | Exacta | | (1-9) | 169.80 | | | | | | |
| Winning Trainer: Noel Daley (Brett Pelling Stable) | | | | | | Trifecta | | (1-9-4) | 751.00 | | | | | | |