

HOLBORN HANOVER HIGHLIGHTS SEASON FOR HARDER

Holborn Hanover may not have been on anyone's radar screen prior to the 2004 Meadowlands Pace, but he made his presence known when he lit up the tote board at 58-1.

Trained by Mark Harder, Holborn Hanover had only two victories in 22 career starts entering the Meadowlands Pace Final and, until that point, had raced mainly in the shadow of his stablemate, Camelot Hall. In fact, the colt squeaked into the Pace by virtue of his fastest fourth-place finish among the eliminations.

As the race unfolded, Camelot Hall quickly took to the lead while Holborn Hanover settled in seventh along the rail. But after setting the fastest half mile (52.4) and three-quarter mile (1:20.1) in Meadowlands Pace history, Camelot Hall was tiring. When he spotted an opening, driver Jim Morrill Jr. steered Holborn Hanover up the pylons and on to a three-quarter-length victory over the late-rallying favorite, Timesareachanging, in 1:49.

The longest price in Pace history, Holborn Hanover paid \$119 to win.

"[The strategy was to] save as much ground as you can and hope to have some luck," said Morrill, who had captured his first million-dollar race. "Horses on the outside of me were struggling, and I knew I could get out but I didn't have to. I got to stay on the rail. There was a nice clear run for me. When you're racing for a million dollars, there's pressure no matter what your price is."

It was also the first million-dollar victory for Mark Harder and the high point of a sensational season at the Meadowlands for the New Zealand native who would go on to capture his

first training title that season. Harder's family was able to watch the race via simulcast to New Zealand.

"He got lucky but obviously he is not a fill in," Harder said after the race. "I was watching both of them [Holborn Hanover and Camelot Hall]. Jimmy just seemed to be sitting there comfortably no matter how fast they were going. When I saw 20.1 [1:20.1 to the three-quarters], I thought Camelot was in trouble. Half way down the stretch I saw Jimmy coming up the inside. The other horse raced great, too, and finished fourth. I feel very grateful for the horsepower, that I've been given a chance. I'd better say 'hi' to mom and dad."

The gelding's co-owner, Albert Imbrogno of Etobicoke, Ontario, was shocked, but delighted, at Holborn Hanover's upset over the field.

"I'm completely shaken, completely taken aback," said Imbrogno, who co-owned Holborn Hanover with John Fielding of Toronto and Douglas Hyatt of Milan, Ontario. "I've won the Meadowlands Pace. Unbelievable. I was just hoping to get on the board, or a top five finish. Deep inside, there was something telling me this could be the night. This was the night. I was hoping the race would develop the way it developed. I was following him, my heart started beating, my vision started getting blurry. I felt for my heart and there were no beats for a while."

Holborn Hanover went on to be one of the season's most successful pacers, earning more than \$1 million in 2004, but lost to Timesareachanging the end-of-year awards balloting.

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/10/04 - 1:49⁴

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Circle L Kid	Ron Pierce	Steve Elliott
2	Camelot Hall	George Brennan	Mark Harder
3	Georgia Pacific	Brian Sears	Randy Bendis

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/10/04 - 1:49⁴

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Geartogear	Ron Pierce	Paul Reid
2	Metropolitan	John Campbell	Chris Ryder
3	Brandon's Cowboy	Daniel Dube	Mark Ford

3RD ELIMINATION - 7/10/04 - 1:48⁴

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Timesareachanging	Yannick Gingras	Brett Pelling
2	The Preacher Pan	Luc Ouellette	Ivan Sugg
3	Mantacular	Catello Manzi	Larry Rathbone

\$1,000,000 FINAL - 7/17/04 - 1:49

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Holborn Hanover	Jim Morrill Jr.	Mark Harder
2	Timesareachanging	Yannick Gingras	Brett Pelling
3	Metropolitan	John Campbell	Chris Ryder

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RACE 8	PACE	1 MILE	MEADOWLANDS PACE			\$1,000,000	Quarter times: 26 ¹ , 52 ⁴ , 1:20 ¹ , 1:49	TEMP.	80-0	TRACK: FAST	OFF: 10:19			
4	Holborn Hanover	4 7 ⁹ / ₁₆	7 ⁵ / ₁₆	7 ⁴ / ₁₆	4 ² / ₁₆	1 ³ / ₄	27 ⁴	1:49	J. Morrill Jr.	Mutuels (4)	119.00	31.00	11.80	58.50
7	Timesareachanging	7 10 ¹² / ₁₆	9 ⁷ / ₁₆	9 ⁶ / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	2 ³ / ₄	27 ⁴	1:49 ¹	Y. Gingras	(7)		4.00	2.80	*1.90
10	Metropolitan	10 1 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₄	28 ⁴	1:49 ¹	J. Campbell	(10)			5.60	9.80
5	Camelot Hall	5 3 ² / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	1 ¹ / ₁₆	4 ¹ / ₁₆	29	1:49 ¹	G. Brennan					4.40
3	Georgia Pacific	3 6 ⁷ / ₁₆	6 ³ / ₁₆	5 ³ / ₁₆	3 ¹ / ₁₆	5 ¹ / ₁₆	28 ³	1:49 ²	B. Sears					6.50
6	Brandon's Cowboy	6 8 ¹¹ / ₁₆	8 ⁶ / ₁₆	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	7 ³ / ₁₆	7P6 ³	28 ²	1:49 ³	D. Dube					33.40
8	The Preacher Pan	8 9 ¹² / ₁₆	10 ⁷ / ₁₆	10 ⁸ / ₁₆	8 ⁵ / ₁₆	8P7 ¹³	29 ⁴	1:51 ³	L. Ouellette					33.20
1	Circle L Kid	1 4 ⁴ / ₁₆	4 ² / ₁₆	4 ³ / ₁₆	9 ⁶ / ₁₆	9P8 ¹⁷	31 ³	1:52 ²	D. Miller					13.60
2	Geartogear	2 5 ⁵ / ₁₆	2 ¹ / ₁₆	3ix ¹ / ₁₆	10 ¹¹ / ₁₆	10P9 ^{dis}	--	--	R. Pierce					2.80
9	Mantacular	9 2 ¹ / ₁₆	5 ² / ₁₆	6 ³ / ₁₆	6 ² / ₁₆	6P10 ³	28 ⁴	1:49 ³	C. Manzi					15.10

DQ-No. 9 for interference past the three-quarter pole.

Winning Owners: John Fielding & Canamerica Capital Corp.
Winning Trainer: Mark Harder

Exacta (4-7) 405.80
Trifecta (4-7-10) 4,852.20
Superfecta (4-7-10-5) 11,792.40