## Rock N Roll Heaven Wins Messenger

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Rock N Roll Heaven invaded Yonkers Raceway Saturday night (November 6) and made short work of a short field. Harness racing richest pacer of 2010 easily won the \$437,100 Messenger Stakes, doing it in a local stakes-record effort.

With Dan Dube driving, the sport's Horse-of-the-Year-in-waiting was in play early in the 55th Messenger Stakes, third jewel of the Pacing Triple Crown.

Leaving from penultimate post position No. 4, he encountered minimal resistance grabbing the big chair. Nether One More Laugh (Tim Tetrick) nor He's Gorgeous (George Brennan) had nose on gate, so Rock N Roll Heaven just had to work around pole-sitting Tobago Cays (Cat Manzi).

The 3-10 favorite was in command well before a :27.4 opening quarter-mile, then rated a :56.1 intermission. By the time One More Laugh took out of fifth, he--and the other pursuers--had way too much work to do.

Rock N Roll Heaven owned a length-and-a-half lead at the 1:23.4 three-quarters, maintaining that margin into the lane. By then, One More Laugh had retreated and it was time to play "Name That Margin."

Rock N Roll Heaven, a \$60,000 supplemental entrant, won by four lengths in 1:51.4, the fastest edition of this event held in Westchester (Always a Virgin-1:52.in 2007). Urgent Action (Jason Bartlett), the 39-1 rank outsider, slipped up the cones to snap second, with Tobago Cays, He's Gorgeous and One More Laugh rounded out the order, with One More Laugh beaten 10 1/4 lengths.