

## **Mach Three and McArdle Win Meadowlands Pace Elims; Red River Hanover Fails To Qualify For Final**

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Mach Three and McArdle won eliminations Saturday for next week's \$1,000,000 Meadowlands Pace but North America Cup champion Red River Hanover ran into road traffic and failed to qualify.

Mach Three led from the first quarter and held on to defeat Three Olives by 2 1/4 lengths in a lifetime best 1:50 and McArdle withheld the late challenge by Pacific Titan to score in 1:49.3. Red River Hanover finished seventh to stablemate Mach Three and failed to earn one of the five qualifying spots from his \$50,000 elimination.

John Campbell, who drove Mach Three for owner Joseph Muscara of Huntington Valley, Pa., and trainer Monte Gelrod, said of his Matt's Scooter victor, "He's getting better at relaxing. He was well in hand to the wire." Also qualifying for next Saturday's final were Brad's Gold, Royal Mattjesty and Yankee Sensation.

Red River Hanover was forced wide in the first turn and never did pass Slade Hanover. "Being wide wasn't that bad," said driver Luc Ouellette, "but I got interfered with by Slade Hanover non-stop. It was stop and go, stop and go. I never got into the flow. My horse never had a chance." Slade Hanover was driven by Jim Morrill, Jr.

McArdle also set a personal best of 1:49.3 for Mike Lachance and trainer Chris Ryder. "I wound up getting a good trip," said Lachance. "He came from a long way back . It was a pretty good performance."

Mini Me, Million Dollar Cam and Allamerican Ingot also qualified for the Meadowlands Pace Final.

In other action involving Little Brown Jug hopefuls, Sportster won the \$150,000 Motor City Pace in 1:52.1 at Hazel Park over Cheyenne Rei and Blue Martini.

At Hoosier Park, Tinsmith defeated Armbro Watchman in a division of the \$46,000 John Simpson Memorial in 1:53.1 and Shine Towel toppled Perfect Host and Laredo Hall in 1:55.1. Henry Clay was scratched from this division.

Besides the \$1-million Meadowlands Pace Final and \$100,000 Consolation, Saturday's \$75,000 Reynolds Memorial at Pocono Downs will also showcase Little Brown Jug contenders.