

Yankee Cruiser Wins \$1.5-Million Pepsi North America Cup; Brooklyn Hanover and Allamerican Captor Also Score

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Three-year-old pacing colts had a hectic weekend with action in the \$1,542,500 North America Cup at Woodbine in Canada; the \$150,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes Final at The Meadowlands; and two \$10,000 eliminations of the \$100,000 Spring Championship at The Red Mile.

Yankee Cruiser and driver Dean Magee closed with a tremendous rush to win the \$1,542,500 Pepsi North America Cup. The son of Artiscap got the nod by one-half length, over the pacesetting favorite, Allamerican Native, and Artesian, who dead-heated for second. The mle went in 1:49.3.

All three top finishers are eligible to the \$550,000-estimated Little Brown Jug on Thursday, September 18 at the Delaware, Ohio County Fair. Yankee Cruiser is also eligible for the \$1 million Grand Slam bonus which will be paid to his owners if he wins the final three Grand Slam events. Next up is the Meadowlands Pace on July 12 at The Meadowlands Racetrack followed by the Little Brown Jug on September 18 and the Breeders Crown Final at The Meadowlands on November 29.

On tap Saturday is the Spring Championship Final at The Red Mile, Motor City eliminations at Hazel Park and the Historic (Jersey Cup) at The Meadowlands.

Following are results from this weekend's racing.

\$1,542,500 North America Cup 1:49.3

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1	Yankee Cruiser	Dean Magee	Tim Pinske
2dh	Allamerican Native	Chris Christoforou	Salvatore Capone
2dh	Artesian	Michel Lachance	Cosmo DePinto

\$100,000 North America Cup Consolation 1:52.3

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1	Wolfdancer Mindale	Michael Saftic	Ralph Gillock
2	Arts Chip	Mark Evers	Mark Evers
3	Mt. Vernon Hanover	Randall Waples	William Robinson

\$150,000 New Jersey Sires Stake Final 1:52.3

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1	Brooklyn Hanover	Eric Ledford	Steve Elliott
2	Dream Wave	Jim Morrill, Jr.	Brett Pelling
3	Crystal Art	Ron Pierce	Steve LeBlanc

\$10,000 Red Mile Spring Championship Elim 1:51.2

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1	Titan Spirit	Brett Miller	Brian Hauck
2	Built To Win	Jim Meittinis	Mike Keeling
3	Leavnonia Jateplane	Tom Sells	Debra Budahn

\$10,000 Red Mile Spring Championship Elim 1:52.1

	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1	Allamerican Captor	Brett Miller	Virgil Morgan, Jr.
2	Best Of Keene	Jeff Nisonger	Peter Foley
3	Largeandincharge	Steve Waller	Steve Waller