

Westward Ho Hanover



Bay colt, 3, by Dragon Again-Western Duel-Western Hanover

OWNERS: Pinske Stables, Plato, MN and James W. Simpson, Hanover, PA
BREEDER: Hanover Shoe Farms, Hanover, PA
SALE: \$90,000 Standardbred Horse Sale, Harrisburg, PA
TRAINER: Tim Pinske **DRIVER:** Jody Jamieson

YEAR	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS	MARK
2011	3	2	0	0	\$14,550	1:53.3 Mea
2010	8	4	1	1	\$96,750	1:52.4 Mea
LIFETIME	11	6	1	1	\$111,310	1:52.4 Mea

- ◆ Westward Ho held on to finish fifth in his Meadowlands Pace elimination after sitting a pocket trip behind the winner, Big Jim.
- ◆ “I didn’t exactly expect to make it with this horse [Westwardho Hanover],” said Jody Jamieson, who also drove Up The Credit in the eliminations, “but Sam [McKee] was telling me that the horse had a shot to win, so I wanted to have him in a better spot than I had with Up The Credit. I knew we were coming from off the pace. Usually when they get [to the Meadowlands] they use the first time to stretch out and the second time they’re usually better, so we can only hope to do even better next week.”
- ◆ “I was very pleased with this horse,” said trainer Tim Pinske. “I figured they would go in 1:50 or better and you could see by the [past performances] he hasn’t been there yet this year. So we were very pleased with him.”
- ◆ Westward Ho Hanover made only his third start of the year in the Pace eliminations.
- ◆ “We started late with him in Florida and aimed at the Meadowlands Pace,” Pinske said. “He beat older horses in his first two starts and raced very good. It was a nice couple of starts for him, to give him a foundation, which is what we were after. I gave him a good winter break and took my time with him. He raced good last year for as big as he is. He was somewhat immature, so we didn’t start racing him until late. He’s okay now. He matured and grew up.”
- ◆ Of his chances in the final, Pinske said: “I think a lot of it will depend on where we draw and how the fractions set up and where we’re sitting. He’s very good off a helmet. Jody [Jamieson] had him on the front a little bit [in the elim] and I think he got a little lost up there. To be right on a helmet [in the final] would be good.”
- ◆ Tim Pinske, 64, has had one previous Meadowlands Pace starter, Yankee Cruiser, who finished sixth in the 2003 final.
- ◆ Pinske is the father of the late Brian Pinske, who campaigned one of the biggest stables in North America before his sudden passing in 2002 at the age of 38. Tim Pinske stepped out from behind the

scenes at the stable to assume the training role and continue its success. A Minnesota native, Pinske followed his father Robert, into the business.

- ◆ Co-owner Jim Simpson is president of the sport's most prolific breeding farm, Hanover Shoe Farms, and a noted trainer before that position. Hanover Shoe Farms is the breeder of three Pace winners: Rocknroll Hanover (2005), Holborn Hanover (2004) and Ralph Hanover (1983). Three Pace champions currently stand at Hanover: The Panderosa (1999), Cam's Card Shark (1994) and Well Said (2009).
- ◆ One of the leading drivers on the WEG circuit, Jody Jamieson, 33, is making his third appearance in the Meadowlands Pace final. He finished second in 2007 with Tell All and tenth in 2010 with Kyle Major.
- ◆ Jamieson had expected to be driving North America Cup winner Up The Credit in the Meadowlands Pace final. Up The Credit never entered into contention and finished eighth in his elimination. He will race in the \$100,000 consolation for the Meadowlands Pace on July 16.
- ◆ "I was just very disappointed with the way I drove him," Jamieson said. "It was not the horse, he raced just fine. I think people are going to question his conditioning but I think the horse is conditioned fine. It was just a really huge miscalculation on my part. I was hoping to maybe be first, second or third over. I thought everything was going to be ok, but then at the quarter pole, I knew I was in trouble. I had an option to go to the rail and I didn't take it. It's just unfortunate and that's why you can't make any mistakes at this level. We'll stay for the Meadowlands Pace consolation. It's too bad, he's supposed to be racing for a million and now he's only racing for \$100,000. But I believe in the horse and I just have to believe in a better trip for him."