

Autotune Hanover, Travel Playlist win splits of \$153K NYSS Jim Meagher Pace

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Yonkers, NY---It was downstate statebred rookie initiation Thursday night (July 30), with Yonkers Raceway hosting the \$153,024 New York Sire Stakes Jim Meagher Pace for 2-year-old colts and geldings. The event, which honored the memory of the Raceway's long-time corporate controller, went in two divisions of \$76,512 each.

The first event saw odds-on number Autotune Hanover (Tyler Buter, \$2.80), fresh from his win in the final of the Lawrence B. Sheppard pace here a dozen nights ago, have no issues whatsoever.

Leaving from post position 5, he took a brief seats before working past Fine Diamond (George Brennan) right at a :28.2 opening quarter-mile. From there, intervals of :58.2, 1:28 and 1:56.2 gave him a 2¼-length victory of that pocket-sitting foe.

Beaches De Vie (Pat Lachance) rallied for third at 101-1, with Carlos Danger (Jim Morrill Jr.) and Cenovis (Scott Zeron) completing the cashers.

For Autotune Hanover, an [Art Major](#)-Anderosa Hanover colt co-owned by (trainer) Mark Harder, Peter Paul Venturini, Deena Frost and Rick Phillips, it was his second win in four career starts. The exacta (two wagering choices) paid \$8.30, with the triple returning \$203.50.

"It was interesting in the first turn," Butter said. "Andy (Miller's) colt (Redneck Rally) looked awfully hot and eventually made a break, so I just took my time. My horse seems more mature as he goes along, but he didn't have to go nearly as fast as his did (1:54.3) in his last start."

Thursday night's second Meagher grouping had Travel Playlist (Miller, \$14.20) have to wait his turn to get the lead, then refuse to relinquish. In play early from post 7, he gave Red Roll (Jason Bartlett) and 9-10 fave Joe Larry N Curly (Morrill Jr.) first cracks at glory.

Travel Playlist made the lead passing the :28.4 opening quarter-mile, then rated a very soft :59.1 intermission. He then closed the sale with a 1:28.3 three-quarters and eight furlongs in 1:56.1. Joe Larry N Curly dove inside but missed a half-length, with Endeavor (Lachance), Red Roll and Roll with Fred (Brian Sears) grabbing the remainder.

For third choice Travel Playlist, an [Art Major](#)-Village Madonna colt owned by Ronald Michelin and trained by Erv Miller, he's now 2-for-2 to begin his career.