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WELL SAID MAKES STRONG STATEMENT IN MEADOWLANDS PACE

Driver Ron Pierce boldly guaranteed Well Said's victory in the 2010 Meadowlands Pace, saying after the colt's dominant elimination win, "I haven't seen anybody out there that can beat him. I think by far, I have the best colt."

But Pierce also knew that even the most invincible looking favorite is sometimes beaten. Pierce had pulled off the biggest upset in Pace history just one year prior when he and Art Official handed Somebeachsomewhere his only career loss in a stunning world record 1:47 mile. However, Pierce's confidence in Well Said would prove to be well placed.

The colt gave Pierce his second straight win in the Pace, easily romping to a six-length victory in 1:47.3. Well Said entered the Pace Final on a four-race winning streak that included a stakes, track and Canadian record of 1:48.1 in the North America Cup and a decisive 1:49.2 score in his Pace elimination. Pierce and trainer Steve Elliott chose to start Well Said from post three in the final, and the colt was sitting fifth as they entered the first turn. As soon as Art Colony and John

Campbell moved to the lead, Well Said and Pierce quickly overtook them and accelerated away from the field. From there, the race was over; nobody was going to catch Well Said.

"Around the first turn, I wanted to sit him in, but he was looking around," Pierce said. "I just said there's no sense in messing around, we're going for \$1 million, so I moseyed on up to the lead and just kept on going. It was a big move, but he did it easily. This colt was wicked. He's by far the fastest colt I've ever driven in my life."

Well Said became the eighth horse to win both the North America Cup and the Meadowlands Pace in his 3-year-old season. He would later win the Little Brown Jug en route to being named the divisional champion and Pacer of the Year. Trainer Steve Elliott picked up his second Pace win in four years with Well Said after also taking the 2006 edition with Artistic Fella. It was the third Pace win for owner Jeff Snyder. who previously triumphed in the race with Rocknroll Hanover (2005) and Cam's Card Shark (1994).

1ST ELIMINATION - 7/11/09 - 1:49²

Horse Well Said Art Colony Vintage Master Schoolkids

Pair A Dice

Driver Ron Pierce John Campbell Daniel Dube Tim Tetrick David Miller

Trainer Steve Elliott Casie Coleman Jimmy Takter Tracy Brainard Steve Elliott

2ND ELIMINATION - 7/11/09 - 1:49² Horse Hypnotic Blue Chip 2 Chasin Racin 3 Ideal Danny 4 If I Can Dream Arctic Warrior

Driver Tim Tetrick Ron Pierce Andy Miller George Brennan David Miller

Trainer Mark Harder George Teague, Jr. Erv Miller Tracy Brainard Samuel Beegle

\$1.000.000 FINAL - 7/18/09 - 1:473

	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1	Well Said	Ron Pierce	Steve Elliott
2	Vintage Master	Daniel Dube	Jimmy Takter
3	If I Can Dream	George Brennan	Tracy Brainard

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9	If I Can Dream	9	7°81/2	8°51/4	6°61/4	5 ⁹	393/4	274	$1:49^{2}$	G Brennan		[9]			9.00	38.50
8	Chasin Racin	8	1 011/2	313/4	551/2	691/2	4111/4	28^{2}	1:494	B Sears						13.00
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2	Ideal Danny	2	211/2	531/4	761/2	7101/4	6113/4	28^{2}	1:50	Y Gingras						37.30
7	Arctic Warrior	7	9101/2	96¾	10°8¾	10^{12}	713¾	281	1:502	D Miller						28.50
4	Hypnotic Blue Chi	р4	671/2	4°2	2°4	38¾	8141/2	29 ¹	1:50 ²	T Tetrick						6.00
6	Art Colony	6	3^3	2^{hd}	34	49	9151/4	29^{2}	1:50 ³	J Campbell						6.00
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Winning Owners: Jeffrey Snyder				Trif	ecta (3-5-9)			4	42.20							
Winning Trainer: Steve Elliott				10-cent Superfecta (3-5-9-8)				97.00								
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