

Golden Receiver wins Meadowlands feature in stretch duel

from the Meadowlands Media Department

East Rutherford, NJ---With series action heating up and some more recognizable names populating the entries, Saturday nights at The Meadowlands are beginning to feel more event-like.

Golden Receiver is back and delivered a gallant 1:49.3 win in the \$30,000 Free For All on March 15, out-gaming Dovuto Hanover to the wire after having been headed by that one in mid-stretch.

[Corey Callahan](#) had Golden Receiver on the good foot off the wings, crossed over before the first turn and was on a clear, comfortable lead past the half in 54.2. Dovuto Hanover had beaten Golden Receiver two weeks ago with an extended hard brush and driver [Tim Tetrick](#) attempted to repeat that bullrush strategy tonight. Dovuto Hanover won the stretch battle for several strides, poking his head in front temporarily before eventually losing the war.



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Golden Receiver (6) out-dueled Dovuto Hanover to win the Meadowlands Free For All in 1:49.2.

Golden Receiver scored the 60th win in his storied career for owners Our Horse Cents Stable and Nina Simmonds. Mark Harder has his stable stalwart prepared for another successful campaign.

The \$20,000 first leg of the Clyde Hirt series split three ways and division one opened the evening's card with a surprise winner in Ontario Success. The two post-time favorites dueled through the first turn with Burkentine Hanover wrestling the lead from See And Ski just past the 27.4 quarter. When the pace slowed slightly as they neared the half, See And Ski got mixy-gaited in the pocket and broke stride. Scott Zeron had placed Ontario Success well back early, moved behind live cover third-over and swept by in the shadow of the wire for the 1:51.2 score.

The winner returned \$15.80 and coupled with 40-1 bomb Summer Smackdown second and mid-priced Stars Above third for the \$1,447.40 trifecta, which got the night off to a lucrative start for the few lucky ticket holders.

Ontario Success is owned by Emerald Highlands Farm and trained by Tony O'Sullivan, who came right back to win the second division of the Hirt with another Woodbine shipper, Avatartist.

Driver [David Miller](#) employed the "Go to the front and improve your position" strategy with Avatartist, clearing quickly from the outside post 8 and set an even pace throughout. Favored Andrew Luck pressed the leader around the final bend before dropping the place photo to Teresa's Beach.

Avartist became harness racing's latest 1:50 performer with the win for owners William Hill, Peter Harrison, Mike Saftic and James Walker, all from north of the border.



Wake Up Peter (9) won the third Clyde Hirt division in 1:51.3.

The third division of the Clyde Hirt came down to a nose photo and the nose on the wire was Wake Up Peter in 1:51.3. The 3-5 favorite, Wake Up Peter, sat a second-over trip around the far turn which was paced in 27 seconds flat and used every inch of The Meadowlands stretch to just nail CC Heet Seeker on the wire, who cut the fractions at 17-1.

For Wake Up Peter, it was the fourth win in as many starts and the third consecutive since Larry Remmen purchased him for owner Bradley Grant at the January Tatersalls Sale. The driver of Wake Up Peter had a big week as Scott Zeron won seven races over the three-day span at The Meadowlands, including three on tonight's program.

Total handle for the Saturday program was \$3,354,414, which included slight gains on-track.

A reminder that The Meadowlands has added a live racing card and will race this coming Thursday (March 20), with first post time at 7:15 p.m.