

MEL MARA 1.47

A PEDIGREE LADEN WITH SPEED

There is no doubt that high speed was going to be a weapon in the repertoire of Mel Mara.

It became evident in just his third career start as a 2 year old when he blazed home his last quarter in 25 seconds.

So when you take a close look at his pedigree you will see he is surrounded and smothered by horses with EXTREME SPEED.



Matts Scooter is the Sire of his dam and when he retired in 1989, he retired as the fastest Standardbred of all time. As his regular driver, the champion reinsman Mike Lachance, said in a Hoofbeats interview in December 1994;

“**Matts Scooter is the greatest horse I've ever driven. I've never driven a pacer with as much high speed as Matts. Even back in the late 1980's before the new bikes, I know he could have paced a quarter in 25 seconds.**

Nihilator The Sire of the granddam of **Mel Mara**. He was freaky fast as a 2 and 3 year old - as his career record shows, 38 starts, 35 wins for Prizemoney of \$3.225 million.

On Hambletonian Day in 1985, Nihilator became the fastest pacer in history in a race with his victory in 1.49.6. When he won the Little Brown Jug a couple of months later he became the fastest ever winner of that time honoured Classic.

No Nukes a full brother to the third dam of **Mel Mara**. He was considered by many wise judges in the early 1980's as one of the fastest pacers in the history of Harness Racing. Raw speed was his forte - race manners were not. He did win 10 races in a 19 start career as a 2 and 3 year old, but not one of those wins was of a major Stakes race.

Despite this he was Syndicated for Stud duty in 1982 for \$5million.

Cambest the grandsire of **Mel Mara**. He became the fastest horse in the history of Harness Racing on 16th August 1993 when he Time Trialed at the Springfield track in 1.46.1 ...and guess whose record he broke - that of Matts Scooter.

Such was his speed that day that he ran his first half in 51.8 - unbelievable.

That World Record survived for 23 years until broken by Always B Miki and Lather Up, 3 years later.

So it easy to understand why **Mel Mara** possessed such blinding speed himself - it was stacked full in his pedigree.

In addition **Mel Mara** is from the same Family as the former USTA 3 Year of the Year and now highly successful Stallion Rock N Roll Heaven. The third dam of Mel Mara and the fourth dam of Rock N Roll Heaven are full sisters.



HIS RACE RECORD

Lets recap some of the highlights of the race career of **Mel Mara**.

- He won 26 races and prizemoneyof \$1,028,350
- He won in 1.52 as a 2 year old, 1.49.2 as a 3 year old and 1.47 as an aged horse.
- Amongst those 26 wins were victories over Always B Miki 1.46, McWicked 1.46.4, Sweet Lou 1.47, Foiled Again 1.48 and Warrawee Needy 1.46.8.
- On six occasions paced his last quarter in better than 26 seconds.



Mel Mara beating Always B Miki and McWicked at The Meadowlands

HIS PERSONALITY

Combining with his high speed, his impressive pedigree, **Mel Mara** has a gorgeous temperament and a personality you just admire in a horse. His USA Trainer, the highly respected Tony Alagna had this to say about him in March 2016.

The staff at Northern Rivers Equine in Kyabram can echo the thoughts and words of Tony Alagna. He has a personality that is unique.

The Cam Fella sireline in the Southern Hemisphere has been so dominant for many years. As a representative of that Sireline

Mel Mara adds a dimension with his high speed and his athleticism.

He is a perfect match for mares of the Artsplace / Abercrombie line, the Western Hanover / Western Ideal line and the Direct Scooter line.

“ Not only is he the consummate professional and completely well mannered on and off the track, he has an excellent personality. He is a really fun horse and is one of those you look forward to seeing every day.

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