

Eight vie for \$118,800 in NYSS at Batavia Friday

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Batavia, NY — A short but select group of entrants will compete in one race for the winner's share of the \$118,800 up for grabs when the 3-year-old trotting fillies march into Batavia Downs for their 2019 New York Sire Stake local appearance on Friday (Aug. 23).

Quincy Blue Chip and Winndevie have been the two best horses in the state series for the past two years and will once again line up and face off at Batavia in the fifth race with six other competitors trying to derail them both.

Quincy Blue Chip (Chapter Seven-Sirenuse) is having a career year with six wins, a lifetime mark of 1:53.2 and \$284,025 in earnings to date. She won the \$209,500 Empire Breeders Classic at Vernon Downs in May and three NYSS events since then. She was on a two-race win streak going into her last start at Vernon Downs where she made an untimely break going to the quarter, trying to get the lead.

Quincy Blue Chip currently sits in second place in points (191) and earnings (\$160,715) in this series behind Winndevie, who also beat her in the NYSS 2-year-old final last year.

Quincy Blue Chip will try to get the best of her competition here and drew post five and trainer Richard Banca has regular driver Jim Morrill Jr. back up for this race. She has been made the track handicapper's morning line choice at 2-1.

Winndevie ([Credit Winner](#)-Vida De Vie) is the top point-getter (212) and money earner (\$166,385) in her class this year, that includes three wins and without missing the board in any of her NYSS events. She comes into this race off a lifetime best performance at Vernon Downs where she won in 1:54 and appears to be as sharp as she's been at any point in her career.

Winndevie drew post eight and trainer Trond Smedshammer once again assigned Jason Bartlett to drive and that bodes well for her chances despite the post. She is listed at 7-2 on the morning line.

This is the last leg of the NYSS 3-year-old trotting fillies and as the points go, six of the eight horses racing here Friday have already made the final. The two horses who are outside looking in are Blue Ribbon Gal ([Credit Winner](#)-Carolla) who could move into the final group of eight by merely finishing fifth and gaining a minimum of five points and Avalonia ([Muscles Yankee](#)-Ava Marion) who is already mathematically eliminated.

Post time for the first race on Friday is 6 p.m.