

## **NYSS 2-Year-Old Pacing Colts headline at Buffalo Raceway**

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In the featured Sire Stakes, Casual Cool ([American Ideal](#)-Sight To See), a \$165,000 purchase at the Harrisburg Sales last season, returned his first dividend on the investment by rallying late to nip Topville Olympian by a nose in 1:56.0. It was the fastest time of the three \$35,000 (approx.) divisions and just a fifth of a second off the track standard of 1:55.4 set in 2013 by He's Watching.

Ghost Dance ([American Ideal](#)-Epoxy Queen) (Michael Saftic) captured his leg with a hard-charging win over Delightful Joe in 1:57.3 while Sammy's Lightning thundered around the Hamburg half-mile oval in 1:58.0 and posted the mild \$12.00 upset.

Casual Cool (Chris Lems) used a 56.2 final half-mile to track down the pace-setting Topville Olympian (Jamieson) and register the rather surprising \$23.00 victory. Rock Lights (Jim Morrill Jr.) was third.

"He's a little green but running on the outside for a half mile, that was a big mile for him in his first start. He's going to be a good one," Lems said of Casual Cool, owned by Ken Jacobs and trained by Linda Toscano.

Earlier, Ghost Dance (\$6.60) was three-wide down the lane and got past Delightful Joe (Billy Dobson) to pull off the 3/4-length decision. Major Sugar Rush (Ray Schnittker) rounded out the top three.

"Once we straightened out in the stretch, I knew we had a chance," Saftic said of Ghost Dance.

Owned by the Millar Farms and trained by Eric Adams, Ghost Dance ([American Ideal](#)-Epoxy Queen) has now won his first two pari-mutuel starts.

In the opener, Sammy's Lightning ([Roll With Joe](#)-Free Fi Girl) (Jim Morrill Jr.) set the fractions and held off all challengers in the drive to the wire to take the victory. Cheese Melt (Daniel Dube) was second and I Soar Him First (Mickey McNichol) was third.

"I was a little cautious with him around the turns but with the slow fractions, I figured we have enough in the tank," Morrill Jr. said of the 3/4-length win by Sammy's Lightning.

In the Excelsior A Series, Rootin Tootin (Jamieson) went coast-to-coast in 1:59.1 and scored the popular \$2.80 victory. Jamieson then made it a clean sweep with a 1:59.2 journey aboard Dewar N Jack (\$11.80).

It was a match race in the lone \$6,200 Excelsior B Series race, a non-betting affair, as Too Much Duncan (Schnittker) beat Thor De Vie (Larry Stalbaum) in 2:02.0.

Jamieson finished the evening with four victories with Stalbaum notching a triple. Trainer Blake MacIntosh posted two wins.

Racing will continue on Friday evening with a 10-race program slated for 5 p.m.

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