

## Another new track record! 'Major' performance by budding star at Buffalo

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**Hamburg, NY** --- Melodies Major has been nothing but spectacular thus far in his brief career and he continued to sparkle on Wednesday night (July 18) at Buffalo Raceway by toppling the 2-year-old pacing colt record with a 1:54.2 victory over Jack Nation in the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for the freshman pacers.

Cruising to an easy 3 3/4-length win in his \$53,500 division, Melodies Major (\$2.10) crushed the old mark of 1:55.4 set in 2013 by He's Watching.

In the other NYSS leg, Bicorné Hanover went gate-to-wire in 1:56.3 and held off Jojo's Place by three-quarters of a length.



*Steve Roth photo*

**Melodies Major set a new track mark with a 1:54.2 score.**

show position.

But it was Melodies Major ([Art Major](#)-Hilarious) who stole the show. Driver Tyler Buter said after the race, "I drove him with two fingers. He's such a pleasure to drive. When I asked him to go, he just went faster."

Getting splits of :28.2, :57.1 and 1:26, Melodies Major never was asked for more in the lane as Buter tucked away the whip and enjoyed the view of the Buffalo Raceway home stretch. Despite being in cruise control, he still put up a :28.2 last panel. Jack Nation took second while Covered Bridge nailed the

Melodies Major is a perfect 3-for-3 in his brief career and has two track records now with the first coming at Monticello on July 4 with a 1:54.3 clocking. Owned by Martin Scharf and trained by Mark Ford, Melodies Major has put \$80,000 in the bank already in 2018.

Bicorné Hanover (Kevin Cummings in the bike) took advantage of the inside draw and wired the field in a solid 1:56.3.

Leaving from the rail, Bicorné Hanover established fractions of :28.3, :58.2 and 1:28.0. Jojo's Place made a valiant charge at the end but came up three quarters of a length short at the line. Bean took third place.

Co-owned by the Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver Brussemi, James Martin and William Switala, Bicorné Hanover ([Art Major](#)-Boldnbrash Hanover) is trained by Ron Burke. It was the first victory in three starts this season for Bicorné Hanover, now a winner of \$44,110 in 2018.

Murrow Boy (Drew Monti) was the fastest in the \$15,000 Excelsior A Series races with a 1:55.4 time, returning a healthy \$17.00 to his backers. Mark Witha K (\$6.20) took the other leg with a 1:59 victory for Morrill Jr.

Morrill Jr., who completed the evening with a driving triple, captured the \$6,400 Excelsior B event with a 1:58.4 win aboard Baby Maker Hanover (\$5.10).

Cummings had a double in the bike while trainer Russell Bratt notched a pair of victories.

Racing will continue on Friday night at 5 p.m. with a nine race program scheduled and the 2018 season will come to a close on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. with a 10-race program set.

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