

## Winnerup and Mr Viktor get NYSS wins at Vernon Downs

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**Vernon, NY** — Vernon Downs played host to two divisions of the New York Sire Stakes for 3-year-old trotting colts and geldings on Friday (May 10). Each division raced for a purse of \$58,700.



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Winnerup (Trond Smedshammer) charged late to win the first division. Star Track Hanover (Jimmy Whittemore) led the group to a first quarter in :27. Chip Chip Conway (Jim Taggart Jr.) took over around the clubhouse turn and hit the half in :55 and three-quarters in 1:23.3.

Winnerup (\$18.40) found himself fourth at the three-quarter marker. Owned by the Purple Haze Stables and trained by Smedshammer, he hit the stretch like he had a rocket strapped to his back. He flew by to win by 10-1/2 lengths in a lifetime best of 1:53.1. Big Money Honey (Tyler Buter) came up late to finish second. Chip Chip Conway held on for third.

Winnerup is a 3-year-old colt by Credit Winner. It was his second win this season and third career victory.



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Mr Viktor (Buter) held on to win the second division. Skyway Kon Man (Smedshammer) took the lead and hit the first quarter in :29.1. Mr Viktor (\$5.80), who is trained by Buzzy Sholty for owners Joseph Lee, Diamond Pride, and Sholty Racing, grabbed the lead just before hitting the half in :58.2. He would be the first to the three-quarters with a time of 1:26.2.

Skyway Kon Man charged late but had to settle for second as Mr Viktor dug down deep and held on for the win in a career best of 1:55.1. Whimzical Chapter (Dan Daley) was third.

Mr Viktor is a 3-year-old colt by RC Royalty. He is a perfect three-for-three in 2019 and now has four career victories in five starts.

Tyler Buter won four races on the night. His other wins came with Financial Impact (\$33.80), RX For Success (\$3.60), and Travel Winner (\$3.80).