

NYSS pacing fillies shine at Vernon Downs Friday

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Vernon, NY --- Four divisions of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for freshman filly pacers were on hand at Vernon Downs on Friday night (July 7).

Twin B Peaches (Mark MacDonald) come on late to get an upset win during the first \$27,750 division of the NYSS for freshman pacing fillies. All On Top Hanover (Betterthancheddar-Allamerican Apex), who was driven by Marcus Miller, went to the front. However, Hurrikane Shorty (Art Major-Speed Date), who was driven by Jimmy Marohn Jr, would take over before the half. As they went to the top of the stretch the two favorites would duke it out. Twin B Peaches (Betterthancheddar-Beach Bound), who is owned by Onaroll Stable, Touch Stone Farms, Ozzie Mackay and Reginald Petipas, would watch from third then fire out at mid-stretch and go by to take the victory at the wire. Twin B Peaches (\$23.60), who is trained by Blake Macintosh, would win in 1:52. Hurrikane Shorty finished second best while All On Top Hanover got third.

The second \$28,250 division of NYSS action for the 2-year-old fillies would go to another long shot, Walk From Heaven (Rock N Roll Heaven-Walk Of Shame). Owned by Frank Chick, while trained by Kevin Lare and piloted by Brett Miller, she would follow the lead of Dance Blue (Rock N Roll Heaven-Tessa Hanover). Dance Blue (Mark MacDonald) would put up the fractions of :27.4, :57.0, 1:24.4, but would go off stride just before the top of the stretch. This would leave an opening for Walk From Heaven (\$37.80) and she would hold off the late charge of Classy Chris (Art Major-Rocknroll Wishes) to win in 1:53.2. Classy Chris (Jim Morrill Jr.) would finish second. Let's Fall In Love (Rock N Roll Heaven-Time N Again), who was driven by Matt Kakaley, finished third.

The third \$27,750 division of NYSS went to Ubettergo Go (Art Major-Ubetterthink Think). Owned by Blake Macintosh (trainer), Tony Basile, Reginald Petitpas and Ozzie Mackay, while driven by Mark MacDonald, Ubettergo Go (\$9.80), went gate-to-wire in 1:53.0 putting all the rest away with a :26.3 last quarter. Line Dancer (Art Major-Burning Beaches), who was driven by Brett Miller, finished second. Matt Kakaley drove Step Beyond (Art Major-Apogee Hanover) to a third place finish.

The final \$28,250 division of NYSS went to the big favorite Betterthangraduate (Betterthancheddar-Western Graduate) who was driven by Jim Morrill Jr. She would follow early leader Silk Reed (Rock N Roll Heaven-Fantasy Jet), who was driven by Tyler Buter, all the way to the Stretch. Betterthangraduate (\$2.70) who is owned by Burke Racing, Silva Pernel & Libby, with P Collura & Weaver Brusceci, and trained by Ron Burke, would hold off a late charge by Speedo Miss (Roll With Joe-String Bikini) to win in 1:55.0. Speedo Miss (Marcus Miller) got second. Mark MacDonald steered Lulu De Vie (Rock N Roll Heaven-Jetta Blue Chip) to third place.

Vernon Downs returns to action Saturday (July 8) with a 13-race card starting at 6:45 p.m.

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