NYSS 2-year-old colt trotters invade Vernon Thursday

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Vernon, NY---Freshman trotting colts invade Vernon Downs on Thursday (Sept. 7), featuring two divisions of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS).

In the first division, seven trotters will race for a purse of \$54,500. The morning-line favorite is Tito (Muscle Mass - Stonebridge Encore), who is driven by Andy Miller, was put at 2-1. Owned by Anthony Lombardi, George Golemes, and Louis Willinger, while trained by Erv Miller, the 2-year-old got his first win last time out during a leg of the NYSS (\$53,500) at Batavia Downs.

At 3-1 the second choice is Ronnie Goldstein (<u>Muscle Mass</u> - Barbara Goldstein), who is still searching for his first NYSS win. Last time out at Batavia Downs he went on a break at the start and still finished second. He is owned by Steven Goldstein while trained and driven by Kim Crawford.

The third choice is The Veteran (<u>Muscle Mass</u> - Tequila Slammer), who is owned by W. Donovan, J Winske and trainer George Ducharme at the morning-line odds of 9-2. The Veteran (Chris Lems) has a NYSS victory for a purse of \$27,250 earlier this season at Monticello.

In the second division (\$54,500), Perlucky (<u>Lucky Chucky</u> - Paper Girl), is the morning-line favorite at 2-1. The 2-year-old, who is owned by the Purple Haze Stables while trained and driven by Trond Smedshammer, is coming off a NYSS win at Saratoga (\$53,500).

SevenIron (<u>Chapter Seven</u> - Beyond Blue) is the second choice at 3-1. Owned by Kenneth Jacobs and trained by Linda Toscano, he won his only race during a leg of the Kindergarten Classic (\$10,000) at the Meadowlands. The 2-year-old will be driven by John MacDonald.

The morning-line third choice is My Lindy Winner (<u>Credit Winner</u> - My Lady Lindy), at 9-2. The 2-year-old has won a leg of the NYSS (\$53,500) at Saratoga in a track record. My Lindy Winner (Jim Morrill Jr.) is owned by V J Laurenzo, H A Taylor, and T A Lazzaro, while trained by Tracy Brainard.

The 13-race card at Vernon Downs begins Thursday (September 7) at 6:45 p.m.

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