

Miso Fast is favorite in Sire Stakes at Monticello Raceway on August 8

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On Monday afternoon August 8 at Monticello Raceway, 2 year old pacing colts will be the center of attention, this is the 5th of 8 legs of the New York Sire Stake circuit. On tap on the card is 3 splits of the regular Sire Stakes and 3 each of the Excelsior A and B classes. The Sire Stake vie for \$35,866 per division, the Excelsior A's race for \$15,000 and the Excelsior B's go for \$6,700.

The highly touted Miso Fast brings with him his ultra-impressive resume, the Roll With Joe colt is unbeaten thus far in his juvenile career. He has reeled off 3 consecutive wins in NYSS competition, all in impressive fashion. The \$125,000 Kentuckiana Farms yearling purchase is trained by Ron Burke and will be driven by Matt Kakaley, he will start from post 4 in the 6 horse field, and he is 4-5 morning line. Based on his last 3 outings, the Track Record for 2 Year Old Pacing Colts may be in jeopardy. The current record of 1:55:2 is held by Freedomformysoul set in 2014.

Rock It Scott (PP4) and Music is Art (PP6) are the main contenders in the 1st division of Sire Stakes dash. In his 3rd lifetime start, Rock It Scott was a winner at Saratoga Raceway in 1:54:3. He earned his lifetime mark in his last start at Tioga Downs in 1:54.1 and has earned \$40,000. Music Is Art (Art Major) also earned his speed badge of 1:54:3 at Saratoga Raceway. The son of Art Major is trained by Steve Elliott for owners Peter Blood and Rick Berks of Florida, Jason Bartlett will drive the colt from post position 6, and is 3-1 morning line.

Funknwaffles looks to extend his winning streak to 3 in a row, his last start was at Tioga Downs while competing in the Excelsior A class, the American Ideal – Hatsoff Hanover colt was very impressive by virtue of his 1:52.4 win last week at Tioga Downs. He steps up in class this week for owners Crawford Farms Racing from Syracuse NY. He will start from post 4, in the 8th race, with James Morrill Jr. driving. The bay colt is trained by John Butenschoen.

Post Time for the 13 race card is 12:50.