

Barry Hanover sets track record at Monticello

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Monticello, NY---On a perfect Catskill Mountain afternoon, the weather and track were ideal, the infield flag was still, perfect conditions for new track record. The track record did come, but not from whom all thought it would come from, Barry Hanover surprised everyone and set a new track records for two-year-old pacing colts and geldings.



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Barry Hanover with Bruce Aldrich Jr. driving established a new track record for his division of 1:54.4.

Barry Hanover and Monticello Raceway leading driver Bruce Aldrich Jr. were content to sit the pocket behind the betting favorite pacesetter Windsong Napoleon driven by Jim Marohn Jr. The [Art Major](#) colt cut swift fractions of 27.4, 56.2, 1:25.2 until the passing lane opened up and Barry Hanover got thru to win by a scant head in a track record of 1:54.4, breaking the former record of 1:55:2 set by Freedomformysoul.

The [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) – Beachbunny Hanover colt is trained by Judith Blaun and is owned by John O Sixt of Chaffee NY, ignored by the betting public, he returned \$34.80 to his confidant supporters.

Miso Fast, the colt that all thought would break the track record, went off at 1-9, scored from post four, in the second division of Sire Stakes action. The Ron Burke trained youngster let things settle out going down the backside, pulled from the three hole and took the lead just past the ¼ in 28.2, from that point on Matt Kakaley controlled the tempo and put together a pair of consecutive 30 second panels and then sprinted home in 27.4 to win over Pointomygransdon.

Matt Kakaley drove the son of [Roll With Joe](#) for winning owners Burke Racing Stable LLC, Our Horse Cents Stables and J&T Silva Stable.

The last heat of regular Sire Stake came in race eight, Funknwaffles was looking to keep his undefeated streak intact, the [American Ideal](#) - Hatsoff Hanover offspring started from post position four. The fast colt was rough gaited and went wide in the middle of the first turn, once out of the turn the colt regained his composure and gait as he whisked by the opening stanza in 27.4 and took the filed thru fractions of 57.3, 1:27.3.

He was briefly challenged at the top of the stretch but rebuffed all contenders with little urging from Jim Morrill Jr. He is owned by Crawford Farms Racing from Syracuse NY and is trained by John Butenschoen. His lifetime earnings are in excess of \$40,000 in his young career.

Former Billy Haughton grooms Mike Simmons and Roland Mallar teamed up for a win in an Excelsior A event with Zampara ([American Ideal](#) – Valabest) for winning owners Anatolia Farm LLC of New Holland PA. Serious Major extended his win streak to four in a row, with Jim Morrill aboard in the 6th race in 1:57.4. Project Rock won in 1:56.4 for Bruce Aldrich and owners Ian Behar and Kristie Leigh Farm.

In Excelsior B action Monticello Raceway trainer Gary Messenger had a great birthday present as his KJ Owen was a winner in 1:58.1. Sir Pugsley and Jim Morrill scored in 1:58.1 for trainer Donna Marshall Cultural Paradise and Jason Bartlett scored in 1:58.1. The American ideal colt is trained by Scott DiDomencio and is owned by Triple D Stables.

Monticello regulars were successful on the card as Bruce Aldrich teamed home a pair of winners and Jim Taggart Jr. had one winner on the card.