

Yonkers race week....sires, more sires and Sheppard

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Yonkers, NY --- Yonkers Raceway's upcoming week finds New York Sire Stakes times two, then 2-year-olds. Monday (July 11) night, the \$166,374 Armand Palatucci Pace for 3-year-old colts and geldings. A pair of consecutive divisions, worth \$82,437 and \$83,937, respectively, comprise the event.



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Missile J returns to the scene of his greatest triumph to participate in the NYSS.

Linda Toscano who trains Missile J for co-owning stables KJ and Purple Haze, also sends out the uncoupled Carlos Danger (Pat Lachance, post 5). The son of [American Ideal](#) and Anthony Weiner nom de plume broke his maiden in his 16th career start, winning here (1:55) a week ago.

Missile J (Tim Tetrick, post four), already with the Art Rooney Pace here included in his seven-for-12 seasonal resume (\$270,934), leads the second NYSS event. When last seen locally for Sire Stakes late last month, the [American Ideal](#) gelding found himself way too far back before closing for a non-threatening third.

Monday night's first NYSS grouping includes Artmagic (George Brennam post two) and Roll Away Joe (Jim Morrill Jr., post seven), both of whom were state-bred winners the other time the road show stopped by.

Thursday (July 14) night's \$163,374 Michael Sorentino Trot finds two divisions of sophomore colts and geldings

Dayson (Yannick Gingras, post one), despite jumping it off in the half-million-dollar final of Pocono's Beal, looms a very short price in the \$80,937 opening division. The [Conway Hall](#) gelding makes his first purse try with straps looking for a 12th win in his 16th career start.

Dante (Ake Svanstedt, post one), fresh off a win in the Vernon's Empire Breeders Classic-although 25 days between that start and this one-figures a puny parimutuel in the second (\$82,437) Sire Stakes event. The son