

Yonkers hosts \$149,000 NYSS Milt Taylor Trot

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Yonkers, NY --- Statebreds returned downstate Monday night (July 13), with Yonkers Raceway hosting the \$149,524 New York Sire Stakes Milt Taylor Trot for 2-year-old colts and geldings.

Four divisions comprised the event, which played out rather form fully.



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Andrew Goldstein won the opening division in a time of 2:00.4.

Odds-on number Andrew Goldstein (Kim Crawford, \$3.50) did his damage in the \$36,856 opening division. Pocketed from post position No. 4, he rolled right over Gremlin Wilson (John Cummings Jr.), then widened to win by four lengths in a maiden-breaking 2:00.4. Second went to Rose Run Ransom (John Plutino), with Gremlin Wilson lasting for third.

Andrew Goldstein, an RC Royalty-Final Time gelding trained by his driver for owner Steven Goldstein, is now

one-for-two to begin his career. The exacta (two wagering choices) paid \$14.20, with the triple returning \$58.

"We're just trying to uphold the Goldstein name," the chauffeur said of the connections who've enjoyed a fair amount of success with Crawford-trained and driven/Goldstein-surnamed trotters.

Brian Sears doubled his fun, winning the second and third events (\$37,556 each) with popular numbers Dayson (\$3.10) and Reve Royale (\$3.40).

The former, a [Conway Hall](#)-Nervey's Taurus gelding, strolled from post No. 5. He whipped a steppy Smalltownthrowdown (Dan Daley) by 2-1/4 lengths in 2:01 for a second consecutive NYSS/career victory. The Perfect Lindy (Mark MacDonald) was third.

Dayson is trained by Howard Okusko for co-owners Margaret and Amy Butler. The exacta paid \$12, with the triple returning \$79.

Reve Royale, a son of RC Royalty-Dream Street leaving from post No. 4, was patiently pocketed before getting his marching orders. He rolled home by four lengths in 2:01 for a second consecutive NYSS/career victory. Cupid (Trond Smedshammer) cut the early portion of the mile and held second, with Dante (Ake Svandstedt) third.

Reve Royale is trained by George Ducharme for co-owners Paul Fontaine, Raymond Campbell Jr. and Alfred Ross. The exacta paid \$15.20, with the triple returning \$140.

"We think he has a lot of talent and a good turn of speed," Ducharme said. "We're just trying to teach him as we go along."

The evening's final \$37,556 sire stakes division saw second choice Credevie (Smedshammer, \$6), from post No. 7, leave for a seat then prevail from second-over in a night's-fastest (and maiden-breaking) 2:00.3. Southern Palms (Marcus Miller) chased the winner home, beaten three-quarters of a length in a pari-mutuel debut, with Chargin' Cadet (Ray Schnittker) third. Allerage Echo (Sears) was a non-threatening fourth as the 17-10 favorite.

Credevie, a [Credit Winner](#)-Fleur De Vie gelding trained by Smedshammer for owner Purple Haze Stables, is now one-for-two to begin his career.

The Raceway's live season continues with a "French-centric" Tuesday matinee (post time 1 p.m.), then Thursday through Saturday (all at 7:10 p.m.). Evening simulcasting accompanies all night programs, with afternoon simulcasting available daily.