

Soft Idea, Dime A Dance win NYSS races at Yonkers

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Yonkers, NY --- Yonkers Raceway on Thursday night (Aug. 11) hosted the \$164,874 New York Sire Stakes Bruce Hamilton Pace for 3-year-old fillies. Two \$82,437 divisions made up the event, which once again honored the memory of a certified mover and shaker (as well as a fairly decent soul) in the state's racing and breeding program.



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Soft Idea was a narrow winner in the opening NYSS division.

For third choice Soft Idea, an [American Ideal](#) filly trained by Linda Toscano for co-owning stables South Mountain, Bay's, Radio Racing and Little E, it was her third win in eight seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$85, with the triple returning \$283.

"The trip worked out great and she seems to race better from off the pace," Zeron said.

The second sire stakes soiree saw pole-sitting, odds-on Dime A Dance (Matt Kakaley, \$3, part of entry) take over from fresh Lasix Wishy Washy Girl (Morrill), then complete her civic duties (:27.4, :57.3, 1:25.4, 1:53.3). Dime A Dance defeated 27-1 shot Wishy Washy Girl by a length, with No Clouds Bluechip (Zeron) a first-up third.

Dime A Dance, a [Roll With Joe](#) filly trained by Ron Burke for co-owners Our Horse Cents Stables, J&T Silva Stables and Blue Chip Bloodstock, is now four-for-nine this season. The exacta paid \$38.20, with the triple returning \$96.

"She's much better now," Kakaley said. "Early in the season, she was flat, but she's finishing better the past few starts."

Sire Stakes continue Friday night, with the \$150,224 Milt Taylor Trot (2-year-old colts/geldings). Two divisions (races six and seven) at \$75,112 each comprise the event.