Major Moe, Funknwaffles take freshman Sire Stakes splits
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A pair of New York Sire Stakes events for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings served as supporting events on the undercard.

Major Moe ($5.40) worked to earn his 1:52.4 victory in the $54,500 seventh race, making steady first-over gains on the far turn to reel in pacesetter Andy's Ideal before holding sway from Very Special Agent's late charge by half a length. Scott Zeron drove the son of Art Major and Maureen Rocks for trainer Chris Ryder.

Funknwaffles ($2.20) did not disappoint at odds-on in the $55,500 eighth event, keeping his undefeated record intact through six career races to date. The son of American Ideal and Hatsoff Hanover brushed to the fore before race's midpoint, evading Serious Major by two lengths in 1:52.3. Jim Morrill, Jr. drove Funknwaffles for trainer John Butenschoen.

Live racing returns to Vernon Downs on Saturday evening (Aug. 27) with first post slated for 6:45 p.m. EDT.