YONKERS HOSTS NEW YORK NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS (PART II) SATURDAY
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YONKERS, NY, Tuesday, September 22, 2015—Yonkers Raceway hosts New York Night of Champions (Part II) Saturday night (Sept. 26), featuring four, $225,000 sire stakes finals for 2-year-olds.

The NYSS events, each sponsored by a prominent breeding farm, go as races two through five on the dozen-race card, with the usual first post of 7:10 PM.

A quick, hot-off-the-presses look at the quartet…

Second Race (Allerage Farm Colt/Gelding Trot) – They haven’t knocked off Dayson (Jeff Gregory, post 4) all summer, as evidenced by his 7-for-7 ($182,612) seasonal resume. Having already earned ten times his purchase price, the Conway Hall gelding looks to complete his run of the statebred table.

Reve Royale (Brian Sears, post 2) and Allerage Echo (Sears also listed, post 3) have each won four races this season.

Third Race (Crawford Farms Filly Trot) – Points leader Posterity (Charlie Norris, post 4) has, obviously, been as consistent as of these lasses (7 starts, 5 wins, 2 seconds, $88,046), while no one has stuck it to Non Stick (Dan Dube, post 5) quite yet (5-for-5, $72,948).

Both are Lucky Chucky lasses.

Dizzy Broad (Jim Morrill Jr., post 8) needed more influence with the draw, but she enters with three consecutive victories.

Fourth Race (Winbak Farm Filly Pace) – Divisional diva Soft Idea (Morrill Jr., post 6) strolls into the finale with six wins (2-for-2 here, including a track record [1:53.4]), a second and a third ($144,407). The daughter of American Ideal is surrounded, at least at the outset, by a three-headed, Ron Burke-trained ‘monster’ in Mother of Art (Matt Kakaley, post 5), Dime a Dance (Kakaley also listed, post 7) and Encore Deo (George Brennan, post 8). Of those, the middle sister appears the scariest.

No Clouds Bluechip (Sears, post 3) has also enjoyed a six-figure season.

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*Fifth Race (Genesee Valley Farm Colt/Gelding Pace)* – Much intrigue because of the draw, which banished Lawrence B. Sheppard Pace winner Autotune Hanover (Tyler Buter, post 8) and the undefeated (4-for-4) Travel Playlist (Marcus Miller, post 7) to the two outside venues.

Both are sons of Art Major. “Autotune’s” entrzymate, points champ Joe Larry N Curly (Morrill Jr., post 4)—he a Roll with Joe colt—enters with five wins in eight seasonal starts and leads his weight class in earnings ($171,781).

Note program changes shall be made Wednesday morning.

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