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The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund Congratulates All NY-Bred Winners for Grand Circuit Victories

ALBANY, N.Y. – The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund congratulates four New York-bred horses for their victories in Grand Circuit events this past Saturday. **Courtly Choice** rallied to win the Meadowlands Pace (\$701, 803), **Six Pack** took his division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial (\$181,000), and it was **Plunge Blue Chip** in the Del Miller Memorial (\$128, 500). Six Pack and Plunge Blue Chip set new world records in the process. At Yonkers, **Hickfromfrenchlick** was the winner of the Lawrence B. Sheppard Pace (\$100,000).

Courtly Choice, driven by Hall of Famer David Miller, won the Meadowlands Pace by 1-1/4 lengths on Saturday night at the Meadowlands Racetrack, the sixth win in seven starts this season for the three year old colt. For Miller, it was his first win in 20 drives in the track's signature event. It was also the first Pace victory for trainer Blake Macintosh, currently among the top five trainers in New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) standings.

Six Pack, driven and trained by Ake Svanstedt, won his division of the Stanley Dancer Memorial, also Saturday at the Meadowlands Racetrack, in a world-record 1:50. The time bests the previous record for 3-year-old trotters, which was shared by Donato Hanover and Muscle Hill.

Plunge Blue Chip, also driven and trained by Ake Svanstedt, set her own world record later in the card with a 1:49.4 in her division of the Del Miller Memorial. She is now the fastest 3-year-old trotter in history, regardless of sex. This was the filly's third win in five starts this season and her 12th in 15 overall.

Hickfromfrenchlick, driven by Mark MacDonald, cruised to a 3-1/4 length win at Yonkers in his pari-mutuel debut with a 1:55.4. The 2-year-old son of So Surreal is co-owned by (trainer) Ray Schnittker, Nolamaura Racing and Thomas Spatorico.

As we enjoy these historic performances, we're also looking toward potential future record holders. The first of four outstanding yearling sales is now less than two months away. Don't miss your chance to own a New York Standardbred.

- **Goshen** - September 9, 2018 (<http://www.goshenyearlingsale.com>)
- **Morrisville** - September 16, 2018 (<http://www.morrisvillesale.com>)
- **Lexington, KY** - October 2-6, 2018 (<http://www.lexingtonselected.com>)
- **Harrisburg, PA** - November 5-9, 2018 (<http://theblackbook.com>)

About the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund:

The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (the Fund) is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the Fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine research within the State. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races. Additionally, the Fund provides assistance to county agriculture societies and contributes to the statewide 4-H program and to the Harry M. Zweig Fund for Equine Research.

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