

NY Sired: Divine Caroline fastest in trio of Bluegrass divisions

by Ray Cotolo, for The Red Mile

Lexington, KY --- Joe Holloway-trainee Divine Caroline put in the fastest mile of the three divisions for the \$189,400 Bluegrass 3-year-old filly pace, winning in 1:53.2 on Saturday (Oct. 3) at The Red Mile.



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The daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) out of the [Art Major](#) mare Loving Caroline stalked a pace of :29.1, :57.4 and 1:26 set by Band Of Angels.

Driver David Miller tipped the even-money favorite first over after the half, and applied pressure to the pacesetter nearing the top of the stretch. The two battled for control through the stretch, with Divine Caroline edging past the race leader and then forced to fend off the late-pacing Daut Full from off cover.

She held Daut Full off, however, winning by 1-3/4 lengths over the closer, with Band Of Angels finishing third and Storm Point fourth.

Owned by Val D'Or Farms, Ted Gewertz, Rojan Stables and Michael Ouriel, the \$4.00 winner won the fifth race of her career, pushing her earnings to \$396,633.

"She raced really well," David Miller said. "She's been really consistent this year and gives a good effort."

"The rail's very deep, still," Miller also said. "There's a little bit of a wind, and I guess they're (the track crew) working a little too hard on the inside."

"They're (Bettor Be Steppin and Divine Caroline) very good and they're very consistent," Joe Holloway said. "(Bettor Be) Steppin had been the better filly for most of the time, but (Divine) Caroline's been consistent and she may be the fastest. The next three to four weeks may be fun.

"We go here (for the Tattersalls Filly Pace) then to Canada for the Breeders Crown."