NY-bred Crazy About Pat takes Open Trot at Pompano
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Pompano Beach, FL --- Crazy About Pat, handled by Ricky Macomber Jr., scored a handy two length win in Pompano Park’s $15,000 Open Handicap Trot on Tuesday night (March 15).

The 6-year-old gelded son of Crazed stopped the timer in 1:53.4 in scoring his first win in just two starts this year and 24th career win. Coco Lindy, the early pacesetter, finished second in the mile but was disqualified and placed sixth (and last) due to an extended break from the top of the stretch through the wire enabling Natural Herbie to earn the place honors for Verlin Yoder while Midnite Craze, driven by Ivan Davies, was moved up a notch into third. Diamond Dagger and Pocket Trip earned the minors.

It was Coco Lindy alert leaving and taking the field through an opener in :27.2 with Crazy About Pat away in good order fourth and on the motor early, taking the lead after three-eighths of a mile. With a half in :56.2 and three-quarters in 1:24.4, Crazy About Pat was on a mission to protect his lead as they turned for home with Coco Lindy leaving the coziness of the pocket to challenge. But Coco Lindy made that miscue at the top of the lane and galloped all the way home, leaving Crazy About Pat unscathed the rest of his journey.

After the race, driver Ricky Macomber Jr. said, “Mr. Kelley (trainer Paul) said he’d be good tonight and he was more than good. He was great. Looks like he likes trotting in 1:53.4 since he did that in winning his qualifier a couple of weeks ago and was second to Wind Of The North in his first start timed in 1:53.4. That’s not a bad time to be stuck on!”

Owned by the Patricia Stable, Crazy About Pat now has a lifetime bankroll of $609,919. As the even-money favorite, Crazy About Pat returned a $4.00 mutuel.