NYSS 2-year-old trotting colts visit Monticello Raceway
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Monticello, NY --- The final leg of the eight New York Sire Stake divisions will make its farewell stop at Monticello Raceway on Tuesday (Aug. 25).

Once the entry box was opened, it was determined that there would be two divisions of NYSS, each split going for $53,500. The recent kingpin of the division, Dayson, was not entered, which didn’t break the hearts of the connections of the 13 that entered that group.

There will also be two divisions of the Excelsior “A” for $15,000 purses and two divisions of the Excelsior “B” series going for a purse of $6,600.

The race one, first leg of NYSS action highlights Allerage Echo (Conway Hall–Echonomical). The Ken Jacobs owned 2-year-old has a three-race win streak in this company. Chris Lems will be in the bike for trainer George Ducharme and will start from post two.

Ray Schnittker brings his ever improving Chargin Cadet (post three) to the contest. He has twice been a bridesmaid to Allerage Echo. Ray co owns the son of Conway Hall with Ted Gewertz and Joe Faraldo.

In the fifth race, Reve Royale has been the model of consistency lately with a tally of 3-1-1 in five starts. He is the fastest and richest colt of the day, with earnings of $65,444, and a lifetime mark of 1:56.3 taken at the Meadowlands. The RC Royalty–Dream Street colt is trained by George Ducharme for owners Ray Campbell Jr., Paul Fontaine and Alfred Ross. Reve Royale will be driven by regular driver Chris Lems.

Trainer George Ducharme has enjoyed a successful Sire Stakes season at Monticello Raceway, having been in the winner's circle numerous times.

Dan Daley brings his daily double of Crown Point (post two) and Royal Bachelor (post six) to the fray. Daley will drive Crown Point and Jason Bartlett will steer Royal Bachelor.

The Excelsior A events are carded as races four and 10. In the first division Uncle Dan and Gremlin Wilson have both shown that they can trot the half-mile oval. Each has been previously victorious in this class.

On paper race 10, looks like a good one, with plenty of talent.

Races two and three are the Excelsior B series events and 13 colts entered this class, racing for a purse of $6,000.

Nohealthnowealth starts from the rail with Jim Marohn Jr. for trainer Rob Harmon in the third race.

On Sept. 2, Monticello Raceway will be hosting the New York County Fair finals and the final Racing Under Saddle Series. During the card, a BBQ will be held in the paddock, hosted by Monticello Raceway, the Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund, Harness Horse Breeders of NYS, and the Monticello Harness Horsemen’s Association.