

# Shaqline beats the buzzer in Tioga NYSS

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**Nichols, NY** --- After edging clear of her eight rivals in a :27.4 third quarter, Brixton Medical's Shaqline (\$5.30) narrowly held off a valiant stand-side charge from Barn Doll to take her \$41,300 New York Sire Stakes event at Tioga Downs on Friday (May 15) evening.



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**Shaqline (inside, #5) held off Barn Doll (foreground, #4) by a scant nose in a \$41,300 New York Sire Stakes division for 3-year-old trotting fillies.**

The fastest of twenty-seven 3-year-old trotting fillies split into three divisions, Shaqline protected the early lead from a host of other leavers, including Nunkeri (Jim Meittinis), Northern Obsession (John Cummings, Jr.), and Miss B'ville J (Mike Simons). After establishing the lead through a :28 first quarter, the [Credit Winner](#)-Vivica Hall mare managed to keep the first-over Northern Obsession at bay enough to catch a :30.2 second-quarter breather before accelerating clear on the backstretch. While widening her margin to 3-1/2 lengths on the far turn, Jeff Gregory angled Barn Doll three-wide off the cover of a stalled Northern Obsession, charging after Shaqline upon cornering. Despite that late threat, Jim Morrill, Jr. was able to encourage Shaqline to hold sway, prevailing in 1:55.1 by the scantest of margins. Frou Frou (Mark MacDonald) sustained her third-over rally to narrowly take third-over Northern Obsession.

Jimmy Takter trains Shaqline, whose career bankroll eclipses the \$145,000 mark with her fourth career win.

In earlier New York Sire Stakes action, Magic City (\$22.40) rallied from off cover to just defeat 3-5 favorite Allerage Belle in a 1:56.2 score. Co-owner and trainer Jeff Gregory handled the driving duties aboard the Conway Hall-Beach Magic filly. Lindy Land (\$20.40) earned a pillar-to-post 1:56.3 victory in rein to Mark MacDonald, holding clear of a chasing Zanna Blu for the entirety of the journey. Frank Antonacci trains the daughter of Crazy-Nana's Best.

Live racing continues at Tioga Downs on Saturday evening (May 16), with post time at 6:15 p.m.

The New York Sire Stakes picks up on Sunday afternoon (May 17), with 3-year-old pacing colts and geldings headlining the ten-race card. Top pacer In The Arsenal, a six-time winner at two, has been installed the 3-5 morning line favorite in Sunday's fifth race, a \$31,050 Sire Stakes division. Brian Sears is slated to drive the Kelvin Harrison trainee.

The week concludes with a special Monday evening (May 18), with post time at 6:15 p.m.