

Art Major sons dazzle in NYSS at Tioga Downs

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Nichols, NY---Sons of [Art Major](#) prevailed in two of three \$37,267 New York Sire Stakes events for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings on Friday (July 17) evening at Tioga Downs.

Talk Show (\$2.70) set the speed standard for the evening in the first split, carded as race 5 on the 12-dash card. Scott Zeron brushed out of third with the son of [Art Major](#) and Lush Limbaugh, pushing clear after a :26.4 initial quarter and subsequently staving off a stern first-over challenge from Major Hill (Jim Taggart, Jr.). After repelling that challenge, Talk Show sprinted clear of pocket rival Roll With Fred (Jim Morrill, Jr.) for a 2-1/2 length triumph, turning in a 1:52.3 mile over fast going.

Steve Elliott trains Talk Show for the Pegasus Investment Group, the Team S Racing Stable, and the Barbara Bongiorno Stable.

Travel Playlist (\$12.00, out of Village Madonna) was the second [Art Major](#) son to capture a co-featured Sire Stakes event, showing a potent late turn of foot to beat odds-on favorite Skip Jive from a pocket trip. Andy Miller found racing room in upper stretch with the race's third choice, and Travel Playlist accelerated to a 1:53.4 victory as soon as he was availed a clear lane.

Erv Miller trains Travel Playlist for owner Ronald Michelon.

The final New York Sire Stakes race of the evening went to Joe Larry N Curly (\$2.90), a 1:53.1 winner off an aggressive middle move. Jim Morrill, Jr. vacated midfield with a circuit to go, brushing the son of Roll With Joe and Life's Image to a clear lead after a :56 half mile. At the top of the stretch, he edged clear of pocket rival Fine Diamond (Aaron Byron), holding sway from a late-rallying Bottom Deals (Scott Zeron) to prevail by 2-1/4 lengths in 1:53.1.

Trainer Mark Harder co-owns Joe Larry N Curly with Joseph Jannuzzelli and Dawn Colucci.