Frosh Filly Fivesome in 150G NYSS Clyde Hirt Pace
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YONKERS, NY, Monday, July 18, 2016—Yonkers Raceway Monday night hosted the $150,425 New York Sire Stakes Clyde Hirt Pace for 2-year-old fillies.

Five divisions went at it, with a ‘dead-heat’ for fastest femme.

Odds-on numbers Planet Rock ($2.90) and Robin J ($2.10) both owned by Ken Jacobs, trained by Linda Toscano and driven by Tim Tetrick, won in life-bests 1:56. The first two events went for $29,725 and $30,325, respectively.

The former is a daughter of Rock N Roll Heaven, while the latter is a Roll with Joe lass. The ma’ams have each won two races in as many tries to begin their careers.

Toscano and Tetrick did it a tick slower in the fourth ($30,325) event as pole-sitting Worlds Apart ($2.20) opened through the lane to win her purse debut by 8¼ lengths. The daughter of Art Major, 2-for-2 to begin her career, is co-owned by the stable quartet of South Mountain Stable, The Bay’s Stable LLC, Little E. LLC. and Radio Racing.

The fourth puny parimutuel of the sire stakes evening was a final-gathering ($29,725) Roaring to Go (Brett Miller, $2.70). She matched World Apart’s 1:56.1 effort with a snappy uncovered :27.4 third quarter. The margin was 4¾ lengths for “Roaring”.

The daughter of Art Major, owned by Frank Chick and trained by Kevin Lare, is now 2-for-3 in her early going.

Jordan Stratton had his sire stakes moment in the sun (it was night racing, but play along) with a first-up That’s How We Roll ($19.20), taking the third ($30,325) event in a maiden-busting 1:56.4. Trainer Ray Schnittker co-owns the Art Major miss with Mary Kinsey and Steven Arnold.