

**EVENIN' OF PLEASURE WINS SATURDAY 55G OPEN HANDICAP PACE**  
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, July 29, 2017—There's valor, there's discretion and there's Evenin' of Pleasure (George Brennan, \$3.40).

Horse and driver took the latter tact Saturday night (July 29<sup>th</sup>), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$55,000 Open Handicap Pace.

In play from same post position No. 6 he conquered in last week's marquee pace, odds-on Evenin' of Pleasure was again wide leaving. This time, however, instead of being hung out in the hinterlands, he deferred, taking a seat as the floor show unfolded in front of him.

Western Dynasty (Greg Merton), Dynamic Youth (Carl Cito Jr.) and Great Vintage (Eric Goodell) mixed it up early, as in a :26.3 opening quarter-mile. Great Vintage won the early scrum, with Evenin' of Pleasure settling fifth and staying there through the :55.3 intermission.

He then moved to chase a first-up Texican N (Jordan Stratton) as that one advanced toward a 1:24 three-quarters.

Great Vintage owned a length lead into the lane, but he was done. Evenin' of Pleasure rolled from second-over, winning by a length-and-a-half in 1:52.3. Sharp shipper Hickory Icon (Mark MacDonald) closed from third-over into second in his first local appearance since last fall. Dynamic Youth, Western Dynasty and Texican N rounding out the payees.

Great Vintage backpedaled to last among the octet.

For Evenin' of Pleasure, a 7-year-old son of Dragon Again owned by Gestion J Y Blais and trained by Ron Burke, it was his third win in nine '17 tries. The exacta paid \$29, with the triple returning \$165.

Yonkers offers up the third of eight consecutive Sunday matinees (July 30<sup>th</sup>), with a first post of 11:30 AM.