

EVENIN' OF PLEASURE WINS SATURDAY 55G OPEN HANDICAP PACE
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, July 22, 2017—Evenin' of Pleasure (George Brennan, \$6.40), despite being three-deep early, was comfy late, winning Yonkers Raceway's \$55,000 Open Handicap Pace.

In play from post position No. 6, Evenin' of Pleasure head to wait his turn until Bakersfield (Brent Holland) stuffed Great Vintage (Eric Goodell) in behind. 'Pleasure' paid a :26.4 opening quarter-mile privilege, but rated a :30.1 next quadrant (57-second intermission), It would serve him well.

It was :27.3 down the backside as The Rev (Brian Sears) tried it first-up from fourth. However, the 1:24.3 quarters found that one backing away as Evenin' of Pleasure owned a couple of lengths in the lane.

He easily held Bakersfield at bay, winning by a length-and-a-quarter in 1:52. Great Vintage, Somesizesomestyle (Dan Dube) and The Rev settled for the minors.

For second choice 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 second win in eight '17 tries. The exacta paid \$22.20, the triple returned \$81.50 and the superfecta paid \$405.

Yonkers offers up the second of eight consecutive Sunday matinees (July 23rd), with a first post of 12:30 PM.

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