

FROSH FILLIES STACKED SIX-DEEP IN TUESDAY'S
159G NYSS BRUCE HAMILTON TROT

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YONKERS, NY, Monday, July 17, 2017—Yonkers Raceway Tuesday night (July 18th) plays host to a bevy of young ladies, comprising the \$159,500 New York Sire Stakes Bruce Hamilton Trot for 2-year-fillies.

The event again honors the memory of the longtime Executive Secretary of the Harness Horse Breeders of New York, one of the Empire State's true movers and shakers who also happened to be one of its finest people.

There are no shortage of first-season females hitting town, as in six divisions (races 5 through 10) during the dozen-race card. First post is the usual 7:10 PM. The groupings go for anywhere from \$26,000-\$27,000, depending upon number of starters.

The road to the winner's circle in a fair amount of these divisions seemingly goes through co-owner/trainer/driver Åke Svanstedt.

Lucky Ava drew outside her six rivals in the third division. The daughter of Lucky Chucky, co-owned by Svanstedt (with Little E LLC and Van Camp Trotting), went the distance (2:01.3) in her Buffalo bow.

Svanstedt and Plunge Blue Chip (post 5) loom a short price in the fourth event. The Muscle Mass miss, co-owned (with breeder Blue Chip Bloodstock), threw down a two-minute gauntlet in her purse debut, also in a New York Sire Stakes event at Hamburg.

Svanstedt teams with Natalie Hanover (post 7) from the outside venue in the penultimate Hamilton event. As with her stablemates, 'Natalie' shuffled off to Buffalo and won (2:04) at first (NYSS) asking. The Chapter Seven miss is co-owned by Svanstedt-Nasstrom Stable, Van Camp Trotting, Anders Olsson and Lars Berg.

The stable's lone first-out non-winner, Fury Road, starts from post No.2 in the evening's final statebred event. The daughter of Muscle Mass, owned by Knuttson Trotting, finished a solid second in her debut.

Not every early-season standout is sent out by Svanstedt. Ooteeny (Mark MacDonald, post 3) landed in the third NYSS event fresh off a 31-1 Buffalo bedazzler (2:03.4). The daughter of Credit Winner is trained by Jim Campbell for owner Runthetable Stables.

Lima Novelty (Jason Bartlett, post 3), the lass who picked off Fury Road in western New York (2:01.3), found her way into the evening's fifth foray. This Chapter Seven lass is owned by Ken Jacobs and trained by Linda Toscano.