

'RILEY' FASTEST FEMALE IN TUESDAY'S 159G NYSS BRUCE HAMILTON TROT
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YONKERS, NY, Tuesday, July 18, 2017—Yonkers Raceway Tuesday night (July 18th) played host to the \$159,500 New York Sire Stakes Bruce Hamilton Trot for 2-year-fillies.

Six divisions, ranging in value from \$26,000-\$27,000, went postward. The results were quite formful, as in five favorites (four at odds-on) and one second choice.

The evening fastest femme was 'Super,' as in Supergirl Riley (Scott Zeron, \$3), who took the final (\$27,000) event in 1:57.3...a tick off Barn Bella's local track record for this sorority. From the pole, she led through intervals of :30.1, 1:00.1 and 1:28.4.

Supergirl Riley defeated Fury Road (Ake Svanstedt) by two lengths, with Eunice (Jason Bartlett) third.

For Supergirl Riley, a daughter of Muscle Mass trained by Erv Miller for co-owners Paymaq Racing, George Coleman and Harvey Eisman, she's won both of her career starts. The exacta paid \$6, the triple (three wagering choices in order) returned \$29 and the superfecta (Big Checkmate [Donald Dupont]) paid \$254.

"She trained down really good and has done all we've asked," Miller said. "She's always been very quiet, but Scott (Zeron) said she seemed a bit keyed up tonight."

Svanstedt, as trainer/driver, won consecutive (\$26,000 and \$27,000) sire stakes divisions with Lucky Ava (\$5) in 2:00 and Plunge Blue Chip (\$2.50) by 8¾ lengths in 1:59.

Both lasses made it two wins in as many statebred starts. "Ava," a daughter of Lucky Chucky, co-owned by Svanstedt (with Little E LLC and Van Camp Trotting), won her two-move effort by 4¼ lengths. Ooteeny (Mark MacDonald) was second, with Ithinkthat'smine (Chris Lems) third.

The exacta paid \$18.20, with the triple returning \$49.

Plunge Blue Chip, a Muscle Mass miss, is co-owned by his trainer/driver and (breeder). Blue Chip Bloodstock). White Cheetah (MacDonald), Money Dew (Mark Whitcroft) and purse-debuting Michando (Brent Holland) chased home the winner for gimmick purses.

The exacta paid \$32, the triple returned \$187.50 and the superfecta paid \$856.

The evening's other Hamilton events, each worth \$26,500, were taken by...

--Electro Pump (by Muscles Yankee); co-owners West Wins Stables, McKinlay Fielding/trainer Casie Coleman/driver MacDonald; (first-start) 2:00.4/\$7.50;

--Lucky Rainbow (by Credit Winner); owner Pinske Stables/trainer Nifty Norman/driver Jeff Gregory; (maiden-breaking) 2:01/\$2.30;

--Lima Novelty (by Chapter Seven); owner Ken Jacobs/trainer Linda Toscano/driver Bartlett; (life-best 1:59.2)/\$2.90.

The event again honored 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. Bruce's brothers, Scott and Keith, joined friends and other family to make winner's circle presentations.

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