

ROCKIN' RON WINS SATURDAY 55G OPEN HANDICAP PACE
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, August 5, 2017—Favored Rockin' Ron (George Brennan, \$4.60) finished what he started Saturday night (Aug. 5th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$55,000 Open Handicap Pace.

In play from assigned post position No. 6, 'Ron' worked around P H Supercam (Brent Holland) before a :26.3 opening quarter-mile. Sunfire Blue Chip (Mark MacDonald) left outside Rockin' Ron, but was relegated to a three-hole.

Rockin Ron' found a 55-second intermission, then threw down a :27.2 third quarter (1:22). The maneuver lost P H Supercam as 'Sunfire' moved past him.

The leader opened 2¼ lengths into the lane, holding Sunfire Blue Chip at bay by a length in 1:51...matching the fastest local mile of the season. Somewhere in L A (Jason Barlett) was third, also after solid, two-move try, with P H Supercam and Melmerby Beach (Greg Merton) rounding out the payees.

For Rockin' Ron, a 5-year-old Real Desire gelding co-owned (as Burke Racing) by (trainer) Ron Burke, Weaver Brusceci and RTC Stables, it was his fourth win in 17 '17 tries (25th career victory, earnings over \$700,000). The exacta paid \$33.20, with the triple returning \$121.50.

Yonkers offers up the fourth of eight consecutive Sunday matinees (Aug. 6th), with a first post of 12:30 PM.

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