

SOMEWHERE IN L A WINS SATURDAY 55G OPEN HANDICAP PACE
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, August 12, 2017—Somewhere in L A (Jason Bartlett, \$7.70) avoided the third-turn happenstance Saturday night (Aug. 12th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$55,000 Open Handicap Pace.

Passive from assigned post position No. 6, Somewhere in L A watched as Luck Be Withyou (Eric Goodell) 'won the break,' making the lead directly outside of 11-10 fave Sunfire Blue Chip (Dan Dube).

The former, not in a giving mood, then hung the latter though testy early fractions of :26.1 of :54.3. However, passing the half and moving toward the three-quarters, Lucky Be Withyou had none of his own. He made a filthy break, wiping out himself and the parked-out 'Sunfire'.

A three-holed Dynamic Youth (Carl Cito Jr.) then found himself leading at the 1:23.2 three-quarters, but the back markers were closing in. Somewhere in L A rolled wide around Sunfire Blue Chip opening a length-and-quarter lead into the lane.

He won by a length-and-a-quarter in 1:52. Second went to an inside dive of 42-1 Polak A (Greg Merton), with Evenin' of Pleasure (George Brennan), Bit of a Legend N (Jordan Stratton) and P H Supercam (Brent Holland) rounding out the payees.

For third choice Somewhere in L A, a 6-year-old Somebeachsomewhere co-owned by D'Elegance Stable IX, Carmen Iannacone, T L P & Gandolfo Stables, it was his 10th win in 25 '17 tries. The exacta paid \$139.50, the triple returned \$1,163 and the superfecta paid \$10,118 (base \$2 payout).

Yonkers offers up the fifth of eight consecutive Sunday matinees (Aug. 13th), with a first post of 12:30 PM.