

YONKERS TROT ATTRACTS 12; NINE ENTER MESSENGER STAKES
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YONKERS, NY, Monday, August 21, 2017—Twelve 3-year-old gentlemen have been entered for Yonkers Trot No. 63, second jewel of the Trotting Triple Crown.

A pair of \$40,000 eliminations are set for this Saturday night (Aug. 26th), with the first four in each returning for the half-million-dollar final.

First elim (6th race)... 1-Enterprise (Tim Tetrick), 2-Another Chapter (Scott Zeron), 3-Southwind Cobra (Matt Kakaley), 4-Yes Mickey (Ake Svanstedt, lone gelding, lone \$30,000 supplemental entrant), 5-Devious Man (Andy Miller), 6-Andy M (Dave Miller).

Second elim (7th race)... 1-Money Macintosh (Andy Miller), 2-Di Oggi (Montrell Teague), 3- New Jersey Viking (Svanstedt), 4-Guardian Angel AS (Jason Bartlett), 5-Southwind Hydro (Marcus Johansson), 6-Top Flight Angel (Andy Miller also listed).

Note Money Macintosh and Top Flight Angel are coupled.

Nine soph lads were entered for the 62nd Messenger Stakes, second jewel of the Pacing Triple Crown. This presents another edition of musical chairs, with all going in a \$40,000 elimination (9th race) to get the octet for the \$500,000 final.

1-Art Scene (Zeron), 2-Mac's Jackpot (g) (Bartlett), 3-Downbytheseaside (Brian Sears), 4-Summer Side (Ray Schnittker), 5-Blood Line (Brett Miller), 6-Henry the Dragon (Teague), 7-Miso Fast (Kakaley), 8- Funknwaffles (g) (Corey Callahan), 9-Beyond Delight (g) (Dan Dube).

Note Mac's Jackpot/Beyond Delight are coupled, as are Downbytheseaside/Blood Line.

The ladies' companion events are the one-dash-for-the-cash \$119,010 Hudson Filly Trot and \$113,880 Lady Maud Pace.

The Hudson, for 3-year-old fillies, attracted eight...(alphabetically) Celebrity Ruth, Chapter Too, Dangle Then Deke, Evelyn, Ice Attraction, Lexie Marie, Mamora Bay and Sunshine Delight.

The Maud, also for 3-year-old young ladies, have seven in-to-go...(alphabetically) Angel's Pride, Awash, Ella Christina, Gurl Band K, Robin J, Tori Hanover and World Apart,

The finals for all four Yonkers Raceway stakes are scheduled for Saturday night, Sept. 2nd .