

**HP SISSY WINS FRIDAY NIGHT 50G DISTAFF DERBY**  
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YONKERS, NY, Friday, October 20, 2017—H P Sissy (Greg Merton, \$14.80) cleared down the backside Friday night (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$50,000 Filly and Mare Open Handicap Pace.

Away fourth from post position No. 2, H P Sissy saw outer entities Freakonomics (George Brennan) and slight 2-1 choice Newborn Sassy (Tyler Buter) leave with purpose. Locally-debuting Freakonomics worked around 'Sassy' before laying down early intervals of :27.1 and :57.4.

HP Sissy then extricated herself from the cones, blowing right by Freakonomics before the 1:24.4 three-quarters. A second-up Diva's Image (Brent Holland) badly gapped the eventual winner, making the job of third-up Mach it a Par (Jason Bartlett) that much more difficult.

HP Sissy opened 2¼ lengths off the final turn, then held a noticeably-drifting (she does that now) Mach it a Par at bay by a length-and-a-quarter n 1:54.

Newborn Sassy, returning Matchmaker victress Mackenzie A (Jordan Stratton) and Betabcool N (Eric Goodell) rounded out the payees. Alas, there would be no 'Sissy'-'Sassy' exacta.

For fourth choice HP Sissy, a 4-year-old daughter of Up the Credit owned by Claude Hamel and trained by Rene Allard, it was her ninth win in 21 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$76.50, the triple returned \$208 and the superfecta paid \$962

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