

TWO FOR 'HUGH'

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YONKERS, NY, Friday, October 6, 2017—Hugh Hefner N has found a second life after his namesake's first death.

The four-legged version was at it again Friday night (Oct. 6th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$20,000 pacing opener in a down-the-road effort.

Eight nights ago, and one night after the human Hefner's passing, the equine counterpart provided a morbid hunch play...which paid off to the tune of \$4.60 as the wagering favorite. Moving up the claiming ladder (from \$20,000 to \$25,000) Friday night, he prevailed from the inside post position. 'Hef' won by a head in 1:53.1, his fourth victory in 21 seasonal starts. This time, he returned \$10.60 as the third choice.

The 9-year-old Down Under Falcon Seelster gelding (we're not going there again) was driven this time by Jordan Stratton for owner Keith Motusesky and trainer Doug Dilloian Jr. Hugh Hefner N went over the \$200,000 North American career earnings plateau with the win.

Friday night's \$50,000 Filly and Mare Open Handicap saw Call Me Queen Be (Jim Marohn Jr., \$7.60) placed first after original 'winner' Scandalicious (Greg Merton) was set down to third for going inside a pylon off the final turn. The mile went in 1:52.

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(photo/Hugh Hefner N-Mike Lizzi-accompanies)

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