

DOBSON'S DOWNSTATE HAT TRICK
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YONKERS, NY, Monday, February 12, 2018—He came. He saw. He conquered. Thrice.

Driver Billy Dobson celebrated Abe Lincoln's 209th birthday Monday night (Feb. 12th) with a honest-to-goodness memorable Yonkers Raceway performance.

The Saratoga standout came downstate for three drives, resulting in three off-the-pace wins...even if one was behind a trotter.

Said trotter was Western Credit (\$14.60), who reeled in a stubborn fave Aruba Vacation late in the \$7,500 second race. The margin as neck in 1:58.1.

Next, a last-to-first Stonedust (\$41.60), overcoming the eight-hole in the \$10,000, third-race pace (1:56.2). The 4-year-old Sagebrush gelding was making just a seventh career start.

Dobson's three-fer was completed in the \$17,000, seventh-race pace, pouncing after a contested battle to prevail with Gussy's Dragon (\$10.20) in 1:55.3. 'Gussy' held off 8-5 choice Queen Josephine by a scant nose.

Donald Billings trained Western Credit, who turned out to be a one start rent-a-trotter, while Monica Krist trained both Stonedust and Gussy's Dragon.

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(photo-Mike Lizzi-accompanies)

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