

CAROBBEAN PACETRY WINS FRIDAY NIGHT 40G DISTAFF DERBY
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YONKERS, NY, Friday, March 9, 2018—Caribbean Pacetry (Jordan Stratton, \$7.40) held off 2-1 choice Gina Grace N (Larry Stalbaum) in a two-speed number Friday night (March 9th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$40,000 Filly and Mare Open Handicap Pace.

Wide early from post position No. 5, Caribbean Pacetry worked around her rival, making the lead before a :27.2 opening quarter-mile. She then rated a :57.1 middle half (:56.1, 1:24.3), easier since the only one to move at her from a from-seventh L A Delight (Marcus Johansson).

Caribbean Pacetry opened a pair of lengths off the final turn, whipping Gina Grace N by a length-and-a-quarter in 1:53.3. L A Delight was a quite credible third, with Safe from Terror (Matt Kakaley) and Itty Bitty (Jason Bartlett) settling for the minors.

For second choice Caribbean Pacetry, a 7-year-old daughter of Somebeachsomewhere owned by Meir Geller and trained by Eldo Leonelli, it was her fourth win in eight seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$23.40, with triple returning \$234.50.

Any number of these lasses, as well as those in Friday's subsequent \$30,000 Filly and Mare Preferred PACE—won by Mach it a Par (Bartlett) in 1:54.4—are being pointed toward next Friday's night (March 16th) opening round of the Blue Chip Matchmaker

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