

**NEWBORN SASSY WINS FRIDAY 44G DISTAFF DERBY**  
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YONKERS, NY, Friday, May 11, 2018—Odds-on Newborn Sassy (Jordan Stratton, \$3.40) did not play fair Friday night (May 11<sup>th</sup>), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 Filly and Mare Open Handicap Pace in obnoxiously facile fashion.

Forwardly-placed from post position No. 5 (in one notch courtesy of an inside defection), Newborn Sassy two-moved around Twinkle (Eric Goodell), retaking after a :27.2 opening quarter-mile.

A cheapy, 57-second intermission worked to her advantage when Delightful Dragon (Mark MacDonald) moved first-up from fourth. Newborn Sassy then threw down a :27.3, third-quarter gauntlet (1:24.3), putting four lengths between herself and the gang off the final turn.

The final margin was a rather unsightly 8¼ lengths in 1:52.3. Delightful Dragon was resurgent, getting second, with Twinkle, Mach it a Par (Jason Bartlett) and Caviart Cherie (Joe Bongiorno) rounding out the payees.

Mach it a Par and Caviart Cherie were flipped after the latter was set down a place for cutting the cones.

For Newborn Sassy, a 5-year-old daughter of Western Ideal co-owned by CC Racing & Jo Ann Looney-King and trained by Jim King Jr., it was her third (consecutive) win in 14 seasonal starts after starting'18 0-for-11. The exacta paid \$19.80, with the triple returning \$109.50.

Saturday night's (May 12<sup>th</sup>) card includes six divisions of the W.N. Reynolds Memorial Pace for 3-year-olds. More than \$132,000 is up for grabs, with three divisions each for the boys and the girls.

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