

SMITH FETED FOR MILESTONE WIN
BY FRANK DRUCKER, Publicity Director, Empire City @ Yonkers Raceway

YONKERS, NY, Friday, May 11, 2018—Yonkers Raceway Friday night (May 11th) recognized driver Steve Smith for his latest milestone.

Smith won the 4,000th race of his career last Friday (May 4th) at his ‘day job,’ Freehold Raceway. He then moved toward the next plateau, upsetting Saturday afternoon’s (May 5th) \$66,400 Lady Suffolk for 3-year-old trotting fillies with 21-1 longshot Special Miss.

The affable 56-year-old Smith, a native of Boston, has been a New York/New Jersey area standout seemingly forever. He has accumulated seven-figure purse seasons every year since 2000, with a career total of more than \$35 million.

“I’m not a numbers guy, but I appreciate it” Smith said. “Just keep grinding away.”

Smith’s obligatory sign of congratulations was presented by Fred Opper, the Raceway’s long-time publicity department icon and crack statistician.

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