

YONKERS HOSTS RARE EARLY-MORNING ‘RACES’
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YONKERS, NY, Tuesday, May 1, 2018—As an opening act for Saturday’s (May 5th) 144th Kentucky Derby, Yonkers Raceway Tuesday morning (May 1st) played host to rare early-morning ‘races’.

The event, which was aired and streamed live, featured Greg T. from Elvis Duran and the Z100 Morning Show first competing in a dash, completed with double-seat jog carts. For entertainment purposes only, Greg T.’s horse, as noted by track announcer John Hernan, was renamed ‘Shartin #2,’ in deference to the newly-minted Blue Chip Matchmaker winner.

The second competition featured Greg T. racing ‘Shartin #2’ foot versus hoof. Despite the human head start, there was a predictable result, though a good time was had by all.

Links to photos (credit Jelena Gerga) and audio clips accompany this release, with video to be sent when available.

audio--https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c9sz22zfbx8bigw/AABg9-p_ehzCCmILE5pd6a6Wa?dl=0

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As a reminder, Yonkers Raceway shall accept wagers for the entire Derby Day card beginning this Friday (May 4th), with Churchill Downs’ first post both days at 10:30 AM. Saturday finds the Raceway offering all sorts of Derby-themed goodies, from a big-cash hat contest (with Greg T. selecting the grand-prize winner) to mint juleps to food specials, along with plenty to places to watch and wager.

Live racing that evening is set for the usual 6:50 PM first post.

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