

**GREAT VINTAGE WINS SATURDAY NIGHT 44G OPEN HANDICAP PACE**  
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, August 11, 2018—Veteran Great Vintage (Mark MacDonald, \$9) finished what he started Saturday night (Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 Open Handicap Pace.

Using his usual gate speed, Great Vintage—from post position No. 5—threw down intervals of :27.1, :56.4, 1:24.2 and 1:52.2. He held off a first-up McErlean by a head, with 3-2 favorite Always at My Place (George Brennan a second-over third.

Pacing Major N (Austin Siegelman) and Doctor Butch (Jason Bartlett) came away with the minors, while logical would-be favorite Evenin 'of Pleasure was scratched-sick.

For third choice Great Vintage, a 10-year-old son of American Ideal owned by Christina Takter, John Fielding, Goran Anderberg & Goran Falk and trained by Jimmy Takter, it was his fifth win in 13 seasonal starts (career 45-for-161, earnings over \$1.26 million). The exacta paid \$102.50, the triple returned \$402 and the superfecta paid \$636.

It was one of MacDonald's four wins during the 11-race card.

Sunday's (Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>) matinee has a first post of 12:40 PM, with races 1 through 4 of the overflow-field, mile-and-a-quarter 'French' theme. The 'New York, New York Double' is comprised of Saratoga's first race and Yonkers' third. Post times are 1 PM and 1:40 PM, respectively.

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