

AN ALL-AGE TRACK RECORD, AND 'ALEXIS'
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, September 1, 2018—Odds-on polester Plunge Blue Chip (Ake Svanstedt, \$2.50) became Yonkers Raceway's fastest trotter ever Saturday night (Sept. 1st), winning the \$129,014 Hudson Filly Trot for 3-year-olds in 1:53.1.

The margin was a desperate nose over Supergirl Riley (Marcus Miller), with Lucky Ava (Dan Dube) some 9½ lengths back in third. Winbak Noelle (Brian Sears) and Vandalous (Corey Callahan) were different area code minor payees.

"We put blinkers on her, and she went too fast early (:27.3, 55.3, 1:23.2)," Svanstedt said. "Too aggressive."

Plunge Blue Chip took these trotters out of various record books...

- Quick Deal (1:53.2, previous local all-age trot record-2013)
- Win Missy B (1:54.4, previous local 3-year-old filly track record-2012)
- ..Housethatruthbuilt (1:53.4, previous 'everywhere' stakes record-2004 [Hawthorne])
- Andie Sophia (1:55.3, previous local stakes record-2013).

For Plunge Blue Chip, a statebred daughter of Muscle Mass co-owned by her trainer/driver, Blue Chip Bloodstock, Tomas Andersson and Rick Zeron Stables, it was her fourth win in nine seasonal starts (career 13-for-19). The exacta paid \$4.10, the triple (three wagering choices in order) paid \$6.50 and the superfecta paid \$18.80.

In Saturday's \$112,904 Lady Maud—again for 3-year-old fillies—odds-on Alexis Faith (Jim Morrill Jr., \$2.60) was able to (barely?) extricate herself from the pocket, then hold sway—from post No. 2--in 1:53.4. Solitary (Jim Marohn Jr.) was second, missing a charging half-length, with Jewels Forreal (George Brennan) third.

Majorette Angie (Brian Sears) and Painted Lady (Eric Goodell) picked off the remainder, while early leader Better Than Happy (Joe Bongiorno) backpedaled to last among the seven.

Alexis Faith, an American Ideal NYSS frosh champ co-owned by West Wins Stable, J. Robert Darrow & Kevin McKinlay and trained by Casie Coleman, is now 4-for-11 this season. She led exotics of \$12.20 (exacta), \$38.60 (triple) and \$86.50 (superfecta).

Sunday's (Sept. 2nd) 'French matinee goes at 12:15 PM, with live racing dark both Monday and Tuesday (Sept. 3rd and 4th).

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