

KEYSTONE WANDA WINS FRIDAY NIGHT 44G DISTAFF DERBY
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YONKERS, NY, Friday, October 5, 2018—A first-up Keystone Wanda (Jim Marohn Jr., \$12.20) held sway Friday night (Oct. 5th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 Filly and Mare Open Handicap Pace.

Showing no inclination to leave at all from assigned post position No. 2, Keystone Wanda in fact left a chasmic hole for Lispatty (Mark MacDonald) to plotz in front of her. They, and everyone else, saw pole-assigned, 6-5 choice Frost Damage Blues (Jordan Stratton) lead through early intervals of :27.2 and :56.2.

The seemed comfy when Keystone Wanda moved from third, engaging the leader in and out of a 1:24.2 three-quarters. Despite that bring just a 28-second third substation, the leader was in trouble.

It was Keystone Wanda—in her 200th career start—going by early in the lane as Agent Q (Eric Goodell) was doing her third from third-over. The former whipped the latter by a diminishing head in 1:53.

. Lispatty, stuck behind a stopping leader, did get third, with a second-over Magic Forces (George Brennan) and Medusa (Joe Bongiorno) settling for the minors.

Frost Damage Blues backpedaled to last among the octet.

For Keystone Wanda, a third-choice, 8-year-old daughter of Somebeachsomewhere owned (and Allard Racing) by (trainer) Rene Allard, it was her seventh win in 29 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$37, the triple returned \$309 and the superfecta paid \$1,387.

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