

GOKUDO HANOVER WINS SATURDAY NIGHT 44G OPEN HANDICAP PACE
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, November 17, 2018—His driver made the correct choices before and during the race, as Gokudo Hanover (Dan Dube, \$13.80) rolled Saturday night (Nov. 17th), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 Open Handicap Pace.

In play from assigned post position No. 5, Gokudo Hanover eschewed any early three-hole, He moved to the lead around Techtor Hanover (Jordan Stratton), paying a :26.2, opening-quarter-mile privilege. After a snappy :55.1 intermission, Mach it So (Joe Bongiorno) made his second move, first-up from third.

However, Gokudo Hanover was more than up to it, passing a 1:23 three-quarters and owning a length-and-a-half lead into the lane, He then finished it off, whipping Techtor Hanover by a length in a season's-best-matching 1:52. Theartofconfusion A (Brent Holland) was a rallying third, with I'm Some Graduate (George Brennan) and Mach it So settling for the minor moolah.

For third choice Gokudo Hanover, a 6-year-old Cam's Card Shark gelding co-owned (as Triple D Stables) by (trainer) Scott DiDomenico, James Craparotta and Par Berry Racing, it was his seventh win in 19 seasonal starts (sixth in last nine tries). The exacta paid \$94, the triple returned \$418.50 and the superfecta paid \$2,207.

For his part, Dube selected the winner after being triple-listed on the early overnight sheet.

The Raceway offers a Sunday (Nov. 18th) matinee, with a first post of High Noon.

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