

**RODEO ROCK WINS SATURDAY NIGHT 44G OPEN HANDICAP PACE**  
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, December 1, 2018—Rodeo Rock (Eric Goodell, \$28.20), one of eight come-from-behind winners during Saturday night's (Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>) 10-race card, disposed of Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 Open Handicap Pace in first-up fashion.

Away fourth from assigned post position No. 2, Rodeo Rock swallowed up early (:26.3, 56) leader Mach it So (Joe Bongiorno) just past a 1:24 three-quarters. Rodeo Rock quick opened two lengths off the final turn, then held off even-money favorite Great Vintage (Jim Marohn Jr.) by three-quarters of a lengths in 1:52.4.

The latter, trapped in behind a tiring leader, angled out but could not reach. Christen Me N (Matt Kakaley), Soho Lennon A (Jordan Stratton) and Bettor Memories (Jason Bartlett) rounded out the payees.

For seventh choice Rodeo Rock, a 5-year-old Rock N Roll Heaven gelding owned by Royal Wire Products and trained by Robert Cleary, it was his eighth win in 28 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$92, the triple returned \$448 and the superfecta paid \$1,005.

The Raceway offers a Sunday (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>) matinee, with a first post of 11:45 AM.

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