

Track record smashed in NYSS at Batavia Downs

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Batavia, NY --- Three divisions of the New York Sire Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts and geldings highlighted the Sunday afternoon (July 27) card at Batavia Downs and it didn't take long for the youngsters to impress the crowd.

Prohibitive post time favorite All Bets Off put on a clinic in winning the first division of the \$116,900 sophomore stake and rewrote the record book in the process.



Paul White photo

All Bets Off scored in a track record time of 1:51.2.

Leaving from post five, All Bets Off ([Bettor's Delight](#)-Armbro Penelope) went right to the front and was never headed. In fact, for most of the mile no one could keep up with him. Driver Matt Kakaley set fractions of :27.3, :56.2 and 1:24.1 as he sped for the last turn.

At that point All Bets Off found a new gear and pulled away to an unprompted eight length victory in 1:51.2, which set a new track record for a 3-year-old colt and was only one-fifth shy of the all-age track record of 1:51.1 set by Aracache Hanover in 2011.

All Bets Off, who returned \$2.60 for the win, is owned by Burke Racing Stable, Frank Baldachino, The Panhellenic Stable and Rosemary Shelswell and is trained by Ron Burke. The win was his sixth of the year and raised his lifetime earnings to \$497,842.

The second division looked like it might break the record just set. After settling in second off the gate, 3-5 favorite Winds Of Change (Jim Morrill Jr.) bolted from the hole and shot to the top with a six length advantage at the quarter in :26.4. He was in command at the half in :54.1 with a gapped 10 length lead but the pack started reeling him in at the three-quarters.

After the leader hit that post in 1:22.4, Forty Five Red (Matt Kakaley), who had come first-over, caught the leader by the top of the turn, but Moliere Hanover (Jason Bartlett) was right on his back and it became a two horse race all the way down the stretch. After a hard fought duel, Moliere Hanover won a neck decision over Forty Five Red in 1:53.3.

The time was a new lifetime mark for Moliere Hanover ([Art Major](#)-Modern Hanover), who was overlooked by the betting public and returned \$24.20. Moliere Hanover is owned by Bamond Racing LLC and is trained by P.J. Fraley.

The final split was won by Big Boy Dreams (Jason Bartlett) who presented his best outing of the year. Leaving from post five, Big Boy Dreams immediately took the lead and was never headed.

After getting to the three-quarters in 1:25, Bartlett stretched out in the bike and simply urged the colt along with a few taps down the lane where attempts to catch him became

futile. The mile time of 1:52.4 was a seasonal mark for Big Boy Dreams, who returned \$3.60 as the favorite.

Big Boy Dreams ([If I Can Dream](#)-Stefani Blue Chip) is owned by Dominick Rosato and is trained by Tracy Brainard.

There were also two divisions of the \$12,600 Excelsior A series on the undercard.

The first was won by Murder He Wrote, driven by Jim Morrill Jr. in a time of 1:55.2 for owner Camelot Stable and trainer Linda Toscano. Murder He wrote returned \$3.80.

The second division went to Archetto Hanover, who was driven by Brent Holland in 1:54.2 for owner Paymaq Racing, Greg Gillis and Louis Willinger. Erv Miller trains Archetto Hanover, who paid \$7.60.

Driver Jim Morrill Jr. continued his domination as he registered five wins and two seconds on the 12 race card. Morrill is by far the top driver in the New York Sire Stake series and on the year as a whole, sports a gaudy .406 UDR.

Racing resumes Wednesday evening (July 30) at Batavia Downs with a 6:35 p.m. post time.