

NY/MA eligibility is the ticket as Ducharme trainees shine in MASS

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Plainville, MA---More records were broken as the best state-bred Standardbreds convened one more time for the \$720,000 finals of the Massachusetts Sire Stakes (MASS) at Plainridge Park on Monday afternoon (Nov. 6). 46 horses competed in eight-\$90,000 divisions and generated some impressive miles as a result.



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The best performance of the day was undoubtedly put forth by Big Man Ev ([Chapter Seven](#) - Possessed By Lindy) in the 3-year-old trotting colts and geldings division. After chasing fast fractions set by Muscles Jared ([Muscle Massive](#) - Tetiana) driver Steve Smith pulled the pocket at the top of the stretch and cruised right by to win by two-lengths in 1:53.3.

The time was a new lifetime mark for Big Man Ev as well as a new stake and track record, both of which were just set by him on October 2.

Big Man Ev set a new lifetime mark, stake and track record with the 1:53.3 score.

It was the ninth win of the year for Big Man Ev (\$2.60) who now has earned \$142,300 in 2017. Julie Miller trains the winner who is owned by the Andy Miller Racing Stable Inc., Lindy Racing Stable and Harvey Eisman. Lindy Racing Stable bred Big Man Ev.

Trainer George Ducharme had his stable ready to roll and three of his students got straight-A's and large checks for their efforts in Monday's finals with driver Chris Lems in tow.

In the 2-year-old trot for colts and geldings, Hashtagmadeyalook ([Chapter Seven](#) - Royalty Free) made it two wins in a row going gate to wire in 1:57 after seating Kinda Lucky Lindy ([Lucky Chucky](#) - Kinda Crazy Lindy) and keeping his closest competitor at bay the whole mile, eventually winning by a length and three-quarters.

Hashtagmadeyalook (\$4.00) who set the stake and track record for his age, sex and gait in the last leg boosted his earnings to \$77,550 today for owner and breeder Ray Campbell.

Ducharme's third victory of the day came with Onangelwings ([Archangel](#) - Anotherpennyplease) in the 3-year-old trotting fillies division. After making a break before the start, Onangelwings regained her composure and had a five-length lead by the quarter and eventually ran away with a wrapped-up fourth-length victory in 1:58.4, which was a new lifetime mark for the winner.

Onangelwings (\$NB) now has four wins in five 2017 starts and has banked \$90,160 as a result. George Ducharme, Al Ross and Paul Fontaine both bred and own the winner.